

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

POCKET-VETO POWERS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a copy of a letter signed jointly by myself and the Republican Leader, Mr. BOEHNER. It is addressed to President Obama. In it, we express our views on the limits of the “pocket-veto” power. I also submit a copy of the letters referenced therein.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
May 24, 2010.

Hon. BARACK OBAMA,
The President, The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: This is in response to your actions of December 30, 2009, on House Joint Resolution 64, a short-term continuing resolution of appropriations that was presented to you on December 19, 2009. That measure was intended to accommodate your review and approval of the regular appropriations but was rendered unnecessary when you were able to act swiftly on the regular appropriations. You therefore decided not to approve the joint resolution. Although you cited The Pocket Veto Case, 279 U.S. 655 (1929), you returned the parchment to the House with a memorandum of disapproval stating that you wanted to leave no doubt that the joint resolution was being vetoed as unnecessary.

You acted on the joint resolution on the ninth day of the 10-day period during which you could approve it. The standing rules of the House made the Clerk available to receive your message. The House and Senate stood adjourned sine die but with provision for reassembly of the first session and with the certainty of reassembly for the second session of the instant Congress. Thus, each body was in a position to reconsider the vetoed measure in light of your objections, either in the second session or even in the first session.

The circumstances surrounding the presentment and return of House Joint Resolution 64 and the readiness of Congress to reconsider the joint resolution in light of Presidential objections compel us to question the assertion that a pocket veto did or could have occurred. We think you agree that the pocket veto and the return veto are available on mutually exclusive bases and, therefore, during mutually exclusive periods. We think you also should agree that the constitutional concern that a measure not become law without the President's signature when an adjournment prevents a return veto does not arise when the President is able to return the parchment to the originating House with a statement of his objections. Accordingly, we believe that your return of House Joint Resolution 64 with your objections is absolutely inconsistent with this most essential characteristic of a pocket veto, to wit: retention of the parchment by the President for lack of a legislative body to whom he might return it with his objections. Your successful return of House Joint Resolution 64 establishes that you were not prevented from returning it.

After an enrolled measure is presented for Presidential approval, the parchment ultimately meets one of four ends. It might be tendered to the Archivist by the President because he signed it or allowed it to become law without his signature. It might be referred to committee by the first house to sustain a veto. It might be tendered to the Archivist by the second house to override a veto. Or it might be retained by the President because he “pocketed” it. If the President returns a parchment to the Congress, then he has not pocketed it, and it therefore is subject to reconsideration. Either the Congress has prevented the President from returning the parchment with a statement of his objections or it has not. By returning the parchment a President is admitting that he is not prevented from returning it.

The House has treated your message of December 30, 2009, on House Joint Resolution 64 as a return veto. On January 12, 2010, the message—comprising the parchment and your memorandum of disapproval—was laid before the House. After the memorandum was read, your objections were entered in the Journal and the House obeyed the command of the Constitution to “proceed to reconsider” the joint resolution. Rather than immediately considering the ultimate question of overriding or sustaining the veto, the House chose as its first mode of reconsideration a postponement until January 13, 2010. On that day the House reconsidered the joint resolution in light of your objections and voted by the yeas and nays on the question of overriding or sustaining the veto. The House sustained your return veto.

We enclose for your consideration copies of previous letters to President George H. W. Bush, to President Clinton, and to President George W. Bush, respectively dated November 21, 1989, September 7, 2000, and April 14, 2008. Those letters from Speaker Foley and Leader Michel, from Speaker Hastert and Leader Gephardt, and from the two undersigned, respectively, expressed the profound concern of the bipartisan leaderships over similar assertions of pocket vetoes. We echo those concerns and urge you to give appropriate deference to such judicial resolutions of this question as have been possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Republican Leader.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, April 14, 2008.

Hon. GEORGE W. BUSH,
The President, The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: This is in response to your actions of December 28, 2007, on H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which you returned to the House of Representatives without your approval. In returning the parchment you transmitted a memorandum of disapproval stating your objections to enactment of the bill. This memorandum of disapproval included the following paragraph:

“The adjournment of the Congress has prevented my return of H.R. 1585 within the meaning of Article I, section 7, clause 2 of the Constitution. Accordingly, my with-

holding of approval from the bill precludes its becoming law. The Pocket Veto Case, 279 U.S. 655 (1929). In addition to withholding my signature and thereby invoking my constitutional power to ‘pocket veto’ bills during an adjournment of the Congress, I am also sending H.R. 1585 to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, along with this memorandum setting forth my objections, to avoid unnecessary litigation about the non-enactment of the bill that results from my withholding approval and to leave no doubt that the bill is being vetoed.”

The circumstances surrounding the presentment and return of H.R. 1585 and the readiness of Congress to reconsider the bill in light of Presidential objections compel us to question the assertion that a pocket veto did or could have occurred. We think you agree that the pocket veto and the return veto are available on mutually exclusive bases and, therefore, during mutually exclusive periods. We think you should also agree that the constitutional concern that a bill not become law without the President's signature when an adjournment prevents a return veto does not arise when the President is able to return the parchment to the originating House with a statement of his objections. Accordingly, we believe that your return of H.R. 1585 with your objections is absolutely inconsistent with this most essential characteristic of a pocket veto, to wit: retention of the parchment by the President for lack of any body to whom he might return it with his objections. Your successful return of H.R. 1585 establishes that you were not prevented from returning it.

H.R. 1585 was presented to you on December 19, 2007. You returned the bill on December 28, 2007—the eighth of the ten days allowed under the Constitution. The Clerk was available pursuant to the standing rules of the House to receive your message. The Congress was in a position to reconsider the bill in light of Presidential objections, even in the first session of the instant Congress. Although the House had adjourned sine die (without specifying a day of return), it did so with provision for its reassembly. Moreover, both houses were to reassemble in due course for a second session of the instant Congress.

After an enrolled bill is presented for Presidential approval, the parchment ultimately meets one of four ends. It might be tendered to the Archivist by the President because he signed it or allowed it to become law without his signature. It might be referred to committee by the first house to sustain a veto. It might be tendered to the Archivist by the second house to override a veto. Or it might be retained by the President because he “pocketed” it. If the President returns a parchment to the Congress, then he has not pocketed it, and it therefore is subject to reconsideration. Either the Congress has prevented the President from returning the parchment with a statement of his objections or it has not. By returning the parchment a President is admitting that he is not prevented from returning it.

The House has treated your message of December 28, 2007, on H.R. 1585 as a return veto. On January 15, 2008, the message—comprising the parchment and your memorandum of disapproval—was laid before the House. After the memorandum was read, your objections were entered in the Journal and the House obeyed the command of the

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Constitution to "proceed to reconsider" the bill. Rather than immediately considering the ultimate question on overriding or sustaining the veto, the House chose as its first mode of reconsideration a referral to committee.

We enclose for your consideration copies of previous letters to President George H. W. Bush and President Clinton, respectively dated November 21, 1989, and September 7, 2000. Those letters from Speaker Foley and Leader Michel and from Speaker Hastert and Leader Gephardt expressed the profound concern of the bipartisan leaderships over similar assertions of pocket vetoes. We echo those concerns and urge you to give appropriate deference to such judicial resolutions of this question as have been possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.
JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 7, 2000.

Hon. WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
The President, The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: This is in response to your actions on H.R. 4810, the Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000, and H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000. On August 5, 2000, you returned H.R. 4810 to the House of Representatives without your approval and with a message stating your objections to its enactment. On August 31, 2000, you returned H.R. 8 to the House of Representatives without your approval and with a message stating your objections to its enactment. In addition, however, in both cases you included near the end of your message the following:

Since the adjournment of the Congress has prevented my return of [the respective bill] within the meaning of Article I, section 7, clause 2 of the Constitution, my withholding of approval from the bill precludes its becoming law. The Pocket Veto Case, 279 U.S. 655 (1929). In addition to withholding my signature and thereby invoking my constitutional power to "pocket veto" bills during an adjournment of the Congress, to avoid litigation, I am also sending [the respective bill] to the House of Representatives with my objections, to leave no possible doubt that I have vetoed the measure.

President Bush similarly asserted a pocket-veto authority during an intersession adjournment with respect to H.R. 2712 of the 101st Congress but, by nevertheless returning the enrollment, similarly permitted the Congress to reconsider it in light of his objections, as contemplated by the Constitution. Your allusion to the existence of a pocket-veto power during even an intrasession adjournment continues to be most troubling. We find that assertion to be inconsistent with the return-veto that it accompanies. We also find that assertion to be inconsistent with your previous use of the return-veto under similar circumstances but without similar dictum concerning the pocket-veto. On January 9, 1996, you stated your disapproval of H.R. 4 of the 104th Congress and, on January 10, 1996—the tenth Constitutional day after its presentment—returned the bill to the Clerk of the House. At the time, the House stood adjourned to a date certain 12 days hence. Your message included no dictum concerning the pocket-veto.

We enclose a copy of a letter dated November 21, 1989, from Speaker Foley and Minority Leader Michel to President Bush. That letter expressed the profound concern of the

bipartisan leaderships over the assertion of a pocket veto during an intrasession adjournment. That letter states in pertinent part that "[s]uccessive Presidential administrations since 1974 have, in accommodation of Kennedy v. Sampson, exercised the veto power during intrasession adjournments only by messages returning measures to the Congress." It also states our belief that it is not "constructive to resurrect constitutional controversies long considered as settled, especially without notice or consultation." The Congress, on numerous occasions, has reinforced the stance taken in that letter by including in certain resolutions of adjournment language affirming to the President the absence of "pocket veto" authority during adjournments between its first and second sessions. The House and the Senate continue to designate the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate, respectively, as their agents to receive messages from the President during periods of adjournment. Clause 2(h) of rule II, Rules of the House of Representatives; House Resolution 5, 106th Congress, January 6, 1999; the standing order of the Senate of January 6, 1999. In Kennedy v. Sampson, 511 F.2d 430 (D.C. Cir. 1974), the court held that the "pocket veto" is not constitutionally available during an intrasession adjournment of the Congress if a congressional agent is appointed to receive veto messages from the President during such adjournment.

On these premises we find your assertion of a pocket veto power during an intrasession adjournment extremely troublesome. Such assertions should be avoided, in appropriate deference to such judicial resolution of the question as has been possible within the bounds of justifiability.

Meanwhile, citing the precedent of January 23, 1990, relating to H.R. 2712 of the 101st Congress, the House yesterday treated both H.R. 4810 and H.R. 8 as having been returned to the originating House, their respective returns not having been prevented by an adjournment within the meaning of article I, section 7, clause 2 of the Constitution.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker.
RICHARD A. GEPHARDT,
Democratic Leader.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, November 21, 1989.

Hon. GEORGE BUSH,
President of the United States, The White House,
House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: This is in response to your action on House Joint Resolution 390. On August 16, 1989, you issued a memorandum of disapproval asserting that you would "prevent H.J. Res. 390 from becoming a law by withholding (your) signature from it." You did not return the bill to the House of Representatives.

House Joint Resolution 390 authorized a "hand enrollment" of H.R. 1278, the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, by waiving the requirement that the bill be printed on parchment. The hand enrollment option was requested by the Department of the Treasury to insure that the mounting daily costs of the savings-and-loan crisis could be stemmed by the earliest practicable enactment of H.R. 1278. In the end, a hand enrollment was not necessary since the bill was printed on parchment in time to be presented to you in that form.

We appreciate your judgment that House Joint Resolution 390 was, in the end, unnecessary. We believe, however, that you should communicate any such veto by a message returning the resolution to the Congress since the intrasession pocket veto is constitutionally infirm.

In Kennedy v. Sampson, the United States Court of Appeals held that "pocket veto" is not constitutionally available during an intrasession adjournment of the Congress if a congressional agent is appointed to receive veto messages from the President during such adjournment. 511 F.2d 430 (D.C. Cir. 1974). In the standing rules of the House, the Clerk is duly authorized to receive messages from the President at any time that the House is not in session. (Clause 5, Rule III, Rules of the House of Representatives; House Resolution 5, 101st Congress, January 3, 1989.)

Successive Presidential administrations since 1974 have, in accommodation of Kennedy v. Sampson, exercised the veto power during intrasession adjournments only by messages returning measures to the Congress.

We therefore find your assertion of a pocket veto power during an intrasession adjournment extremely troublesome. We do not think it constructive to resurrect constitutional controversies long considered as settled, especially without notice of consultation. It is our hope that you might join us in urging the Archivist to assign a public law number to House Joint Resolution 390, and that you might eschew the notion of an intrasession pocket veto power, in appropriate deference to the judicial resolution of that question.

Sincerely,

THOMAS S. FOLEY,
Speaker.
ROBERT H. MICHEL,
Republican Leader.

HONORING THE AMBASSADOR OF UKRAINE OLEH SHAMSHUR

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oleh Shamsur for his distinguished service as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States.

Since his appointment in December 2005, Ambassador Shamsur has worked tirelessly and effectively to strengthen the strategic partnership between Ukraine and the United States. As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I have had the honor of partnering with him on issues affecting Ukraine as well as the Ukrainian American community in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Specifically, Ambassador Shamsur played an important role in the lifting the Jackson-Vanick trade restrictions, which has benefitted the U.S. and Ukraine by opening new markets and expanded opportunities for entrepreneurs and job creators in both nations.

This month, Ambassador Shamsur will be leaving his post to pursue new opportunities of his own. Friends and colleagues will honor his accomplishments during a dinner on May 26, 2010 at the Metropolitan Club of the City of Washington.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Ambassador Oleh Shamsur for his exemplary service and valuable contributions to strengthening the ties between the United States and Ukraine and in extending best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE MARINES AND
CORPSMEN OF THE 3RD BAT-
TALION, 25TH MARINES INFAN-
TRY REGIMENT ON MEMORIAL
DAY

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor those who have answered the call of duty for their country and made the ultimate sacrifice. I would like to call on everyone to reflect this Memorial Day on those service members who have sacrificed their lives for this country and the family members who were left behind.

I would like to honor my constituent, Nathan Huffman, USMC Sgt. Ret., and other Marine Reservists from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines Infantry Regiment and fellow Corpsmen, who served their country honorably from March 2005 to October 2005 in Al Anbar Province during Operation Iraqi Freedom. This Memorial Day, Sgt. Huffman has organized a Memorial Day Ultra Marathon in honor of their 48 fallen Marines and Corpsmen who perished during their service in Iraq, and the many other service members who have given their lives while serving our country.

Sgt. Huffman will depart the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia along with many of his fellow Marines, Corpsmen, friends, and supporters and run day and night to cover the over 100-mile journey which will end at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. The purpose of this ultra marathon from Richmond to Washington, D.C. is to commemorate the core values of Memorial Day and honor the fallen. In the words of Staff Sergeant Joseph Goodrich on his reflection of Memorial Day, "I started looking at all of the headstones with flags in front of them. I started thinking about who they were, how they lived, how they died and what they did for me . . . I swore to myself that I would not let them down. They sacrificed, and gave to me something I could never repay; freedom." Sgt. Goodrich was killed in Iraq on July 10, 2005.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the many courageous men and women who have given their lives in the service of our great Nation, and their widows, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters who are left behind. They have not given their lives in vain—rather they have offered their valor and dedication to a grateful Nation. Sgt. Huffman and his fellow runners have heard and answered a second call of duty to remind our Nation to never forget the fallen, the wounded, and loved ones who have lost their heroes. Please join me in recognizing their efforts and those of our brave troops and let us never forget their sacrifices.

HONORING COMMANDER DONALD
GAITHER

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and tribute to the late

Commander Donald Gaither, a founder of the elite Navy SEALs, for his 27 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

Commander Gaither was a native Hoosier and one we are all proud of. Commander Gaither was born in Daviess County, Indiana and graduated from Washington High School in 1937. While serving on his first submarine, the USS Swordfish, the submarine engine room was damaged during battle. In performance of his duties as chief motor machinist, he was awarded the Silver Star medal for distinguished submarine service.

Commander Gaither's U.S. Navy career continued to be characterized by strong leadership and consistent work. As he rose through the ranks from apprentice seaman to commander, he was highly regarded by those who worked under him. During his time in the Navy, Commander Gaither served as an executive officer in Underwater Demolitions, a precursor to the Navy SEALs. After the Korean War, Congress considered eliminating the Underwater Demolitions Program. Commander Gaither came to Congress and persuaded Congress to keep the program. The Underwater Demolitions Program was later expanded into the Navy SEALs, making Commander Gaither one of the founding fathers of the Navy SEALs.

Commander Gaither's success in the Navy is a tribute to what hard work and determination can accomplish. Commander Gaither spent countless hours studying and preparing for each Navy promotion he received. His work ethic was only matched by his strong leadership skills. Although Commander Gaither died of natural causes post-retirement, his 27 years of service through three wars represent a lifetime commitment to serving our country.

Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Commander Donald Gaither of the U.S. Navy, an accomplished war veteran who courageously served to better the lives of all American citizens.

RECOGNIZING ROBIN ARRENDON-
DO-SAVAGE'S INDUCTION AS A
MEMBER OF THE TEMPE CITY
COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Arrendondo-Savage on her recent induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

Robin is a lifelong resident of my hometown of Tempe who has always been actively involved in our community. Previously the Chairman of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and a small business manager, she has shown a commitment to the development of jobs and the growth of the economy in Tempe. Through this and her position as the President of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, Robin has proven herself to be a strong and dedicated leader and public servant for her community and its youth.

Robin is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our nation with distinction. She has shown that same commitment and dedication in the many community boards, commissions

and youth sports activities where she has volunteered her time. I am honored to call Robin a friend and I look forward to seeing what her future in public service brings to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Robin Arrendondo-Savage's induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET
AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERA-
TION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of H.R. 5327, a bill authorizing critical funding to ensure Israel's security. Ever since President Kennedy first approved the sale of Hawk missiles to Israel in 1962, U.S.-Israel cooperation on defensive missile systems has developed into a productive strategic partnership that safeguards the security of our ally Israel while advancing our own military edge.

Iron Dome, the program supported by this bill, is a system of anti-missile batteries capable of intercepting the short- and medium-range Qassam, Katyusha, and Grad rockets that have been used by Hamas and Hezbollah to terrorize Northern and Southern Israel.

The successful testing of the first two operational batteries earlier this year demonstrated the system's ability to revolutionize Israel's ability to defend against these attacks. The bill before us authorizes \$205 million for Israel to build and deploy 10 more mobile batteries that will be available for rapid deployment wherever and whenever needed. And it is important to note that our own military stands to benefit from the advanced radar and other technologies that are components of this system.

During its 34-day war with Israel in 2006, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement unleashed nearly 4,000 rockets against Northern Israel. In the 5 years following Israel's complete withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, Hamas has unleashed 6,000 rockets on Southern Israel. Until now, Israel has had no defenses against such weapons.

The Obama administration deserves tremendous credit for this initiative and its hands-on efforts to advance Israel's defensive capability at a critical time.

It is no secret that Hezbollah and Hamas are rebuilding their arsenals. Hezbollah is believed to have rearmed with some 45,000 rockets and missiles, including Scud missiles and other weapons that can hit Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. Iran continues smuggling weapons material to Hamas via Egypt.

It is also no secret that Iran has in the past used its terrorist proxies in Lebanon and Gaza to provoke Israel and divert international attention from its nuclear program and its defiance of international law. The 2006 Lebanon war, which was precipitated by Hezbollah's kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers, happened just as the IAEA was recommending that the United Nations demand that Iran suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities.

This investment to upgrade Israel's security is essential as the administration and Congress intensify efforts to pressure Iran with sanctions.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure. I look forward to the full deployment of Iron Dome, and I hope that the region moves toward a peaceful future that will obviate its need.

RECOGNIZING TONYA WOODS FOR HER COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tonya Woods, for her achievement of being named the Arkansas Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year for her work at T.G. Smith Elementary School in Springdale.

Woods is a graduate of John Brown University and earned her master's from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She is looking to continue her education, and is now interviewing for a Ph.D. program.

Woods has been committed to education as an administrator for the past 5 years at Smith Elementary. Her hard work and commitment to students serves as an inspiration to her co-workers.

Woods is constantly looking for creative ways to improve the lives of her students and that is why she received this honor. Her efforts have brought innovative resources to the school through promoting technology in the classroom, establishing a homework club that encourages children to excel in their studies and overseeing a program aimed at preparing students for the Arkansas Benchmark exams.

It is the efforts of educators like Tonya Woods that will enable our future generations to reach their full potential and I am proud of her commitment to education and her efforts to improve the lives of students in Arkansas.

IN TRIBUTE TO KEN STARR

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to my friend, Ken Starr, who is leaving his post overlooking Malibu, California, and the Pacific Ocean as dean of Pepperdine University's School of Law to return to his native Texas as Baylor University's 14th president.

Judge Starr has had a long and storied career. After graduating law school, he became a clerk for then-Chief Justice Warren Burger. He left Justice Burger to work as an attorney in Los Angeles for several years before returning to Washington, DC, in 1981 to serve under U.S. Attorney General William French Smith.

Judge Starr was a federal judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals from 1983 to 1989 and was U.S. Solicitor General from 1989 to 1993. While on the bench, Judge Starr won the respect of both political parties. He was

often mentioned as a potential U.S. Supreme Court nominee.

In 1994, Judge Starr was appointed independent counsel to continue the investigation into the Whitewater land transactions begun by Robert Fiske. He was charged with investigating several allegations connected to President Clinton, eventually issuing a report on President Clinton's intentional cover-up in the Monica Lewinsky case, which led to the President's impeachment.

On April 6, 2004, Judge Starr was appointed dean of Pepperdine University's School of Law—the second time the post was offered.

During the Whitewater investigation and impeachment hearings, Judge Starr was painted by his enemies and the media as a wild-eyed zealot whose only goal was to bring down the presidency. The Judge Starr I know, and the Judge Starr history will record, is a soft-spoken and intelligent attorney and judge whose only goal has always been to serve the law.

For the past 6 years, he has inspired young legal minds at Pepperdine University to embrace that goal as well. Beginning June 1, he will inspire young minds at Baylor.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Judge Starr for his appointment as president of Baylor University and in thanking him for his dedication to our up-and-coming leaders, for his contribution to the legal community, and for his long and distinguished service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SKY HARBOR COMPOSITE SQUADRON 301 OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 of the Civil Air Patrol. The Squadron has been a prominent pillar within the Phoenix community since its inception in 1945 when it aided in the war effort in World War II.

Originally, the Civil Air Patrol was established to employ civilian pilots during wartime to watch over the coastlines for possible enemy threats. After the war, the Civil Air Patrol evolved into an organization which delivers humanitarian aid and engages in search and rescue missions. Though the focus has changed, the legacy of benevolence still endures today.

Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 also gives young men and women the opportunity to learn more about aerospace science. In addition to acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills for the aerospace field, the people that make up Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 volunteer and serve the community of Phoenix with valor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301 of the Civil Air Patrol's 65 years of outstanding service and expressing gratitude to all of the volunteers that have dedicated their time in service to others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, and Tuesday, May 25, 2010, I missed a series of votes because I was recovering from an illness. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 291, "yea" on rollcall No. 292, "yea" on rollcall No. 293, "yea" on rollcall No. 294, "yea" on rollcall No. 295, "yea" on rollcall No. 296, "yea" on rollcall No. 297, "yea" on rollcall No. 298, "yes" on rollcall No. 299, "yea" on rollcall No. 300, and "yea" on rollcall No. 301.

CONGRATULATING APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Appalachian Regional Healthcare for being honored as the 2010 Outstanding Rural Health Organization by the National Rural Health Association.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, ARH, is a not-for-profit health system which is the largest provider of care and single largest employer in southeastern Kentucky. Throughout its nine hospitals, as well as in multi-specialty physician practices, home health agencies, HomeCare Stores and retail pharmacies, ARH provides our region with crucial quality health care to 350,000 residents across eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. The ARH system employs 4,700 employees who are firmly committed to its mission of improving the health and promoting the well-being of all people in eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. For ARH, providing quality and affordable coverage is the utmost priority. In the past 12 months, ARH provided more than \$107 million in uncompensated care for the uninsured and underinsured.

Each year, the National Rural Health Association honors outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of rural health. The Outstanding Rural Health Organization Award recognizes any group or organization that has improved access to health services and information for people in rural areas through innovative, comprehensive approaches. Factors considered for the award include outreach, preventative health and education, quality and efficiency of care, and strong community support and involvement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this bright star in my region. The Board of Trustees, and the fine doctors, nurses and staff of ARH should be very proud of their accomplishment and recognition of their unwavering efforts to provide quality health care to working families, children, and seniors.

MARINA PSICHENKO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marina Pshichenko who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marina Pshichenko is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marina Pshichenko is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Marina Pshichenko for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

AZERBAIJAN AND ISRAEL: GOOD FRIENDS UNDER SIEGE FROM IRAN

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, good relations between the State of Israel and Muslim nations are the exception rather than the rule. Everyone knows about the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Egypt as part of the Camp David Accords, which led to the assassination of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. Israel's neighbor, Jordan, Under King Hussein and his son, King Abdullah II, have also developed good ties with Israel.

More typical than Israeli-Egyptian or Israeli-Jordanian relations in the public's eye is the poisonous relationship between Iran and Israel, a situation fueled by the unrelenting hostility and anti-Semitism of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the Supreme Leader, Grand Ayatollah Khamenei.

Iran and its particular brand of Shi'ite Islam seem particularly hostile toward Israel, which is understandably nervous not just about Iran's nuclear ambitions but its strong financial support of Hezbollah and its terrorist activities right in Lebanon, the West Bank, and Gaza.

Given this situation, it would be surprising to most to learn that one of Israel's strongest friends in the region is Azerbaijan, a former Soviet Republic, with over a 90 percent Shi'ite population that has adopted a secular style completely opposed to Iran's sectarian government. Azerbaijan has chosen a very different path from that of its southern neighbor, even though there are over 20 million ethnic Azeris living in Iran, including the Grand Ayatollah himself, who is of Azeri descent.

One possible explanation for Azerbaijan's positive relationship with Israel is the presence of a strong Jewish community in Azerbaijan for over 2,500 years. By all accounts, these

Azeri Jews have always been well treated and never subject to the types of discrimination and hostility that confronted Jews, not just in Muslim nations, but the Christian nations of Europe.

Israel and Azerbaijan established diplomatic relations in 1993, and Israel opened an Embassy in Baku one year later. Cultural ties also increased at this time. In 1994, a Yeshiva was opened in Baku, and other Jewish schools established years later. A new Jewish synagogue, one of the largest, if not the largest in Europe, opened in Baku in 1993 and currently there are synagogues in several other Azeri cities.

Prominent Israeli visitors to Baku have included then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in 1997, President Shimon Peres in June, 2009 and in 2010 Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman. Israeli trade, diplomatic and cultural missions to Azerbaijan are common place, and Israel is Azerbaijan's fifth largest trading partner, exporting over \$3.5 billion per year to Israel, including supplying over a quarter of Israel's oil supply. Israeli exports and direct investments in Azerbaijan are also growing, creating strong economic ties between the two nations.

On a political front, Israel and Azerbaijan cooperate closely on security issues. Israel supplies significant military equipment to Azerbaijan and Azerbaijan provides Israel with valuable intelligence support, particularly regarding Iran. The two nations also work together to combat the growth of radical Islam.

The close political, cultural, economic and security relations between Israel and a majority Shi'a but secular Azerbaijan present a model that needs to be encouraged, cultivated and spread throughout the Muslim world. However, this will not happen by itself, and, unless the United States begins to focus more on Azerbaijan's importance in the region, the very existence of this positive Azeri-Israeli relationship could be put in jeopardy.

I would like to include in the RECORD a recent article from Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, published on March 9, 2010, "The Blooming Friendship Between Azerbaijan and Israel," by Anna Zamejc. The article quotes Baku-born former Israeli Knesset member Yosef Shagal on Azerbaijan's friendship with Israel: "Today, everyone understands why Iran wants to block the Azerbaijani-Israeli rapprochement by any means . . . It is one of the most important strategic priorities of the Islamic republic. Teheran is perfectly aware of the following: the stronger the connection between Baku and Jerusalem, the more weakened Iran will be."

Zamejc goes on to discuss the tremendous pressure Iran is placing on Azerbaijan to cut its ties with Israel, pressure which is becoming more and more difficult to resist without strong support from the West, particularly the United States. The United States has spent too much blood, treasure and diplomatic capital trying to build peaceful relations between Israel and its Muslim neighbors for it to let this great example of success slip away.

It is important that we pay greater attention to Azerbaijan for economic, strategic and security reasons, and in particular respond affirmatively to Azerbaijan either when it cooperates with the United States in these areas or demonstrates that a Muslim nation both can and should have positive relations with the State of Israel.

RECOGNIZING BEN ARRENDONDO, RETIRING MEMBER OF THE TEMPE CITY COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Arrendondo and his 16 years of service as a member of the Tempe City Council. I wish to thank him for his dedication to public service and look forward to seeing his future accomplishments within our community.

Councilmember Arrendondo's contribution to Tempe has been both earnest and extensive. His years of teaching and service on school boards and the City Council have revealed him to be a fierce champion for improvement of education and commitment to our youth and to the community. As a former teacher and Mayor of Tempe, I respect and share Ben's commitment to public service and education, and wish to thank him for his tireless efforts and leadership.

Though Ben will be retiring from the Tempe City Council, his service to his community will surely continue in other capacities. Also, his family's legacy of service to Tempe will continue through his niece, Robin Arrendondo-Savage, who was recently elected to the City Council. I am honored to call Ben a friend, and I wish him all the best in his next endeavor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ben Arrendondo's 16 years of outstanding service as a member of the Tempe City Council.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, on May 25, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in the chamber for a Roll Call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call number 298, H.R. 3885, the Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act.

HONORING COMMUNITY HOPE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Hope, headquartered in Parsippany, Morris County, New Jersey, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2010.

In 1985, a group of mental health professionals and families formed Community Hope with the mission of providing a safe haven for the continuing recovery of young adults afflicted by chronic mental illness. The organization began with one residential facility, staffed by professional counselors capable of assisting individuals in making the transition back to

community and family life. The founders of Community Hope strove to help these individuals break the cycle of repeated psychiatric hospitalizations with personalized therapeutic care coupled with in-residence treatment.

In 2004, Community Hope took advantage of its experience with residential recovery programs and opened its doors to former service men and women in need. It is now the largest transitional housing program in New Jersey for homeless veterans at Lyons Veterans Administration Medical Center in Bernards Township.

Community Hope has been extraordinarily successful in helping young men and women afflicted with chronic mental illness—it now boasts thirty-nine residential facilities, serving 300 individuals. The organization has also taken steps toward creating permanent, affordable housing for New Jersey veterans afflicted with post-traumatic stress syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and physical disabilities incurred in combat.

Community Hope's success is due in no small part to its philosophy. The organization believes all persons with serious mental illness have the potential to live successfully in the community if they are able to view their future with hope. Through a holistic approach that addresses each individual's total needs, the counselors at Community Hope instill confidence in these young men and women, encouraging each individual to grow to his or her maximum potential, both individually and socially.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Community Hope on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, celebrating years of service to those with chronic mental illness and our veterans.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a distinguished couple that exemplifies the ideals of Asian Pacific Islander American, APIA, Month, Mr. Truc Ho and his wife, Ms. Dieu Quyen. Truc Ho and Dieu Quyen have made tremendous contributions to Orange County, in particular to the Vietnamese American community.

As a refugee, Truc Ho escaped communist Vietnam, arriving to the United States in 1981. He is a talented songwriter, composer, and a successful producer. His music and humanitarian efforts have touched the hearts of the Vietnamese communities around the world. Truc is also the CEO of Saigon Broadcasting TV Network, the first 24 hour Vietnamese language channel.

Ms. Dieu Quyen Nguyen immigrated to the United States in 1978 at the age of 14. She is a graduate from Cal State Long Beach and is a teacher at Pacifica High School in Garden Grove. Dieu is a dedicated educator and community activist. She serves as a board member for the Council of Vietnamese Language Schools, and is a television news anchor for SBTN-TV and ASIA Entertainment.

Together this dynamic duo is known for their philanthropic contributions in helping human

trafficking victims; Vietnamese refugees; raising awareness on human rights violations in Vietnam; and preserving the Vietnamese language and culture.

Please join me in recognizing these outstanding individuals that have enriched the culture in my district, in Orange County.

RECOGNIZING JORDAN ELEMENTARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WALK ON! CHALLENGE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grant awarded to Jordan Elementary in Chandler, Arizona for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona's 2010 Walk On! Challenge. I wish to applaud the students, teachers and staff of Jordan Elementary for their enthusiastic participation in the Walk On! Challenge.

The Walk On! Challenge increases the knowledge of both the issue of childhood obesity and the necessity for exercise and good health in our youth. As a teacher for almost 28 years, I understand the importance of addressing these issues through a hands-on approach.

By applying for and receiving this grant, and participating in this program, Jordan Elementary and its educators have taken a significant step towards alerting our community to the problem of obesity and stimulating a positive response. Through their help, we can help instill good habits for children that will lead to an active and healthy lifestyle, and help to solve the problem of obesity within our community.

This is truly an inspiring and encouraging initiative to undertake within the community, and I would like to once again thank the entire Jordan Elementary community for addressing it.

CHRISTOPHER K. LYNCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher K. Lynch. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christopher has earned the 12-Month Camper and World Conservation Awards. Christopher has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christopher constructed several shelters located around the athletic fields of First Bible Baptist Church of Blue Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher K. Lynch for

his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOHNNY MAJORS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today alongside our colleague Mr. SHULER, to recognize the lifetime accomplishments of our friend, former University of Tennessee football coach Johnny Majors.

Johnny is from a remarkable football family in Lynchburg, Tennessee. His father Shirley was the patriarch of a family of Tennessee football royalty. He was the head coach at Sewanee, the University of the South, for 21 years and had five sons who played college football.

Johnny and his brother Joe played high school football for the Huntland Hornets, where their father coached, and their sister Shirley-Ann was a cheerleader. The team won the state championship in 1951. Johnny, along with two of his brothers, Bill and Bob, would all go on to play for my alma mater, the University of Tennessee. His brother Larry played for the University of the South at Sewanee.

His brother, Joe Majors, a close friend of mine, was the starting quarterback at Florida State University and also played for the University of Alabama. He was an accomplished attorney; a former member of the Tennessee State House of Representatives, and a well-respected and popular figure on Capitol Hill. Everyone who had the pleasure to know him or work with him, as I did, was saddened when he passed away in 2007.

Johnny Majors stayed with football all of his life. In college, he was a triple-threat tailback at the University of Tennessee. Johnny was an All-American and runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 1956. He played for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League for one year and then moved on to several coaching positions.

Johnny was head football coach for the Iowa State University Cyclones for five seasons before taking over the football program at the University of Pittsburgh, where he helped win the National Championship with the Pittsburgh Panthers in 1976 and was honored as the National Coach of the Year.

Luckily for our alma mater, Johnny Majors decided to return to the University of Tennessee in 1977. While there, he reached remarkable success in the 1980s and early 1990s by winning three SEC Championships—in 1985, 1989 and again in 1990. His time there included one particularly noteworthy season in 1989, when the Majors-led Vols followed a 5–6 season with an 11–1 season, the largest turnaround of the year. Johnny retired from NCAA coaching after the 1996 season.

Over the years, Johnny Majors has been recognized as a self-less player and a capable, dedicated leader. He was admitted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1987, where his biography reads, "Few who have followed college football over the years will soon forget the gridiron magic created by a certain skinny tailback. . . Even [his] name

had a special ring to it. It wasn't Jones or Smith or Thompson. It was Majors. . . . In his senior year Majors led Tennessee to an undefeated season. He ran, passed, punted, and even blocked. He was one of college football's best punters."

Johnny and his wife Mary Lynn live in Knoxville, where he is still known not only as a former player and coach but as a leader in the community. Mary Lynn, a remarkable and talented woman in her own right, and my wife Betty Ann have become friends over the last few years. The Majors' collective contribution to our state and nation are an inspiration to all those who know them.

One other thing: Coach Majors, as President of the Nike Coach of the Year Clinic, has promoted and assisted the United States Marine Corps in coaching clinics across America. Johnny Majors is a dedicated patriot.

Madam Speaker, I also want the House to hear from our colleague, Mr. SHULER, who had the honor of playing for Coach Majors at the University of Tennessee.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOHNNY MAJORS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, accompanied by my colleague Mr. TANNER, to honor the achievements of Johnny Majors, former football coach of the University of Tennessee.

For 16 years, from 1977–1992, the University of Tennessee enjoyed the privilege of having Coach Majors pace the sidelines of Shields-Watkins field. Throughout his many years at the University of Tennessee Coach Majors maintained a high level of success, winning three championships in arguably one of the most competitive sports leagues in the country.

As a young man, I remember the excitement surrounding Coach Majors' visit to my home town of Bryson City, North Carolina. He was seen by many in my community as the epitome of football. He came to visit me and my family to talk about the possibility of me coming to the University of Tennessee. We expected his visit to focus primarily on the game and the football program at UT. However, Coach Majors' concerns were more about the importance of a strong education, the responsibility of leading by example, and his insistence that regardless of where you might be in your life, UT alumni are always part of the UT family.

Coaches often play a vital role in raising the youth of a community. Not only do they instill values such as hard work and dedication, but can also teach young people valuable life lessons of honor and good will. Coach Johnny Majors not only bred success on the field, but encouraged his student athletes to conduct themselves with integrity and honesty. To have a man of his character coach me was a true honor and a privilege.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. TANNER for his thoughtful statement regarding my coach and friend, Johnny Majors. I ask my colleagues join me in celebrating this great man's accomplishments, both on and off the football field, and off the football field.

ENHANCED VISITOR EXPERIENCE FOR TOURISTS AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation today supporting a project that provides an enhanced visitor experience for tourists at Yosemite National Park and an additional administrative site for employees outside the Park boundaries.

Yosemite is the crown jewel of the National Park System; each year over 3.5 million visitors travel to Yosemite to enjoy the scenic vistas, hiking, and Valley destinations. This proposed legislation authorizes the National Park Service to purchase up to 18 acres of land in Mariposa County, from willing sellers, for visitor and administrative uses. The proposed site for this center will be at the junction of State Highway 140 and State Highway 49, located in Mariposa just outside the Arch Rock entrance to Yosemite National Park. A visitor center at this location will not only provide Yosemite National Park with an opportunity to enhance their visitor services, it will be a tourist destination for travelers in the gateway community of Mariposa as well.

This non-controversial bill enjoys a broad array of local support including the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation, and County Tourism Bureau, in addition to the current Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and the Yosemite Fund. Additionally, this authorizing legislation is PAY-GO neutral and does not authorize direct spending.

Madam Speaker, I am eager to lend my support to a project that will benefit the local economy of Mariposa by providing tourism opportunities as well as enhancing the visitor experience at Yosemite National Park. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation as it moves through Congress.

TRIBUTE TO OUR NATIONS' SOLDIERS AND VETERANS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, each year on Memorial Day, Americans take a day to express their gratitude and honor the memory of the men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation. This experience of patriotism and civic consciousness is a time to reflect on the bravery and commitment of those who have answered the call to serve and our responsibilities to uphold the ideals for which they fought.

In Congress, this is a time to recommit ourselves to caring for those who served our country and their families. They have fulfilled their obligations to the American people, and we must fulfill our obligations to them.

That's why I am pleased Congress has provided historic increases of 60 percent since 2007 for health care and other services for our

veterans. In fiscal year 2010, Congress increased funding by \$15.3 billion over last year's level and \$747 million above the administration's request. Congress and President Obama also passed a law to fund veterans' medical care one year in advance to ensure timely and uninterrupted funding for veterans' health care system.

To support our active duty personnel, I supported a 3.4 percent military pay increase, a \$3 billion increase in funding for Defense Health Programs, and a \$3.46 billion increase for equipment in the field.

While I am pleased Congress is providing robust funding to care for our military and veterans, much work remains to be done such as ensuring increased resources for PTSD and other mental health issues, resolving the continued backlogs of veterans' claims, and concurrent receipt.

The courage of our military and our veterans is an inspiration to us all, and we thank them all for their service and sacrifice to protect our freedoms. The thoughts and prayers of our entire nation are with the men and women serving today, those who have bravely served, and the families of those whose ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to our nation's brave soldiers and veterans.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt surpassed \$13 trillion.

To put this in perspective, on January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10.6 trillion.

This means we have increased the debt by 18 percent in just 16 months. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans. There is simply no way that we can maintain this type of spending without destroying our Nation.

We know what happens to individuals that bury themselves in debt. We know what happens to companies and institutions that fail to maintain balanced books. And we know what happens to nations that spend this irresponsibly. We need only look overseas to the effects of such disastrous fiscal policies. But for some reason, a reason that wholly escapes me, the current administration and the majority in Congress continue to move forward with their ruinous plans.

There is no reasonable national policy that can be implemented that assumes a national debt increasing by 18 percent in just 16 months. I think the fact that the House doesn't appear to be considering a budget this year proves that the Majority knows that as well but wants to hide the magnitude of the problem from the American people. We need to rein in this spending and address our deficit, our debt, and preserve our future.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011, AS "CITIZEN DIPLOMACY DAY"

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors, NCIV—a nonprofit leader in citizen diplomacy—and supporting designation of February 16, 2011, as "Citizen Diplomacy Day."

NCIV is a membership association, with members based in congressional districts throughout the nation, dedicated to promoting excellence in citizen diplomacy—the concept that individual citizens have the right and responsibility to help shape U.S. foreign relations "one handshake at a time." NCIV's nationwide network comprises 92 community organizations as well as federal agencies, associate members, and individuals. With leadership and training provided by NCIV, member organizations create professional connections, provide cultural activities, and offer home hospitality opportunities for foreign leaders and specialists. Each year, the aggregate efforts of NCIV members involve more than 80,000 volunteers.

The NCIV network is the private-sector partner of the U.S. Department of State for the International Visitor Leadership Program, IVLP, a long-standing, successful initiative for strengthening U.S. foreign relations. More than 285 current and former heads of state (including F.W. de Klerk, Anwar Sadat, Manmohan Singh, Nicolas Sarkozy, and Morgan Tsvangirai) and approximately 1,700 cabinet-level ministers have participated in the IVLP, which U.S. ambassadors have repeatedly ranked first among 63 U.S. public diplomacy initiatives.

Through citizen diplomacy, the NCIV network and the IVLP have positively affected hundreds of thousands of lives in America and abroad—among countless other ways, by:

Empowering a key reformer to stand up for democracy and freedom following the February 2010 coup in Niger;

Introducing high school students in Reno, Nevada, to Moroccan journalists and Afghan women leaders;

Sharing best practices with leaders of Malaysian disaster-relief nonprofits in the wake of a devastating earthquake and tsunami;

Connecting an environmental and water resources engineering firm from Portland, Oregon, to business opportunities with China; and

Breaking stereotypes about Americans for a Yemeni governance and conflict management expert.

The success of NCIV is based on patriotic citizens, entrepreneurs, and small businesses coming together to help promote America abroad while boosting the local economy. By working with the State Department, NCIV is an important source of income for many throughout the U.S. based on the increased economic activity generated by international visitors.

Nearly the entire IVLP budget is spent within the United States, where it generates millions of dollars in local economic activity. NCIV members raise an additional \$6 for every dollar they receive in federal funding, all of which is spent locally. Furthermore, by bringing foreign leaders to U.S. schools, government agencies, and businesses, the NCIV network and the IVLP help U.S. communities build a more globally literate, competitive workforce.

Please join me in demonstrating congressional support for this national network of citizen diplomats by recognizing NCIV's 50th anniversary and recommending designation of February 16, 2011, as Citizen Diplomacy Day.

COSPONSORS OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY
THE REP. JIM MORAN

The Honorable Donald Manzullo, the Honorable Howard Coble, the Honorable Keith Ellison, the Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, the Honorable Lee Terry, the Honorable Mark Steven Kirk, the Honorable Peter Welch, the Honorable Betty McCollum, the Honorable Patrick Murphy, the Honorable John Boozman, the Honorable Sue Wilkins Myrick, the Honorable Steven Rothman, the Honorable Denny Rehberg, the Honorable Jan Schakowsky, the Honorable Daniel B. Maffei.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF MAY AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT CONGRESS HAS TO PROMOTE SAFETY, WELL-BEING, IMPROVED OUTCOMES, AND PERMANENCY FOR THE NATION'S COLLECTIVE CHILDREN

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1339, which expresses the House of Representatives' support for the designation of May as National Foster Care Month and recognizes the important role that foster parents play in the lives of children across the country. There are nearly 500,000 children in America's foster care system. Many of these children come from troubled backgrounds and turbulent pasts. America's foster parents take these children in and show them the care and attention that they deserve as they wait to be reunited with their families or adopted into new, loving families.

I thank Chairman LEVIN for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman MCDERMOTT, for working to increase public awareness about the critical role that the foster care system plays in our society.

In my home State of California, there are nearly 80,000 children in the foster care system, a majority of whom were placed there by the State as a result of parental abuse or neglect. Foster parents play a critical role in the lives of some of the most vulnerable youths in California and across the country. They help hold our Nation's social fabric together by ensuring that thousands of young people in this country stay on track towards successful futures.

Designating May as National Foster Care Month is a way to encourage responsible and

caring adults to serve as foster parents. Unfortunately, there is currently a shortage in the number of foster parents available. There are less than 3 foster homes for every 10 children living under the State's care.

While the foster care system provides a vital service in our society, children in foster homes often face special challenges. In 2008, 123,000 of the 273,000 children in the foster care system were waiting to be adopted into new homes. However, by the end of the year, only 55,000 were adopted out of foster care. Foster children who are not adopted or reunited with their families often end up "aging out" of the foster care system. These children who "age out" of the system are in need of resources to help them afford higher education opportunities, find affordable housing and quality health insurance, and achieve steady employment. This is a social demand to which Congress must respond.

Past legislative initiatives to invest in our country's foster care system include the Adoption Assistance and Safe Families Act of 1980, the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. These initiatives recognized the need to provide increased resources for foster families and a sense of stability for foster children, 65 percent of whom experience a minimum of seven school changes while in the system. Congress must continue working to improve the foster care system, so that all children within this system can develop and mature in young adults with bright futures.

I salute the selflessness and hard work that foster parents demonstrate each day when they care for a child who had been displaced from his or her family. I offer my sincere support for dedicating the month of May as National Foster Care Month. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1339.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1316, Celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

As an original cosponsor of this bill, I am proud to stand here today and speak on this important resolution.

This is a nation of immigrants and it is always important to take time, and recognize the contributions that different cultures and ethnicities have made to our society and our American way of life.

Today, the Asian/Pacific community is one of the fastest growing populations in America.

Over 15 million Americans claim Asian descent and over 1 million residents claim Native Hawaiian descent. By 2050, the Census bureau estimates that over 40 million residents will claim Asian/Pacific descent.

Since the time the first Asian immigrants came to America in 1843, these individuals have had a profound effect on our history.

A large number of Asian immigrants helped to complete the transcontinental railroad.

Today, Asian/Pacific Americans continue to contribute, and many have had distinguished

careers in public service, giving back to the country they love so much.

Indeed, three members of the President's Cabinet—Secretary Locke, Secretary Chu, and Secretary Shinseki—are Asian Americans.

Thirty Members of Congress are of Asian or Pacific descent as well, including my good friend Mr. HONDA, who has done an admirable job championing this cause.

Celebrating Asian/Pacific Heritage Month provides Americans with an opportunity to celebrate our diversity and recognize the achievements, contributions, and rich history that these individuals have shared with us.

It is for these reasons that I urge all my colleagues to vote in favor of H. Res. 1316.

**HONORING FRANK BRANSON FOR
BEING NAMED AMONG THE BEST
TEXAS LAWYERS IN 2010**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Frank Branson of Dallas on being honored by the 2010 Edition of the Best Lawyers in America and recognized as one of Texas's best lawyers.

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Mr. Branson is the founder of Dallas' The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, a nationally recognized litigation firm. A graduate of SMU Law, Mr. Branson joins a distinguished list of alumni to earn the annual honor, which is based on outstanding achievements, public service and commitment to the legal profession.

Mr. Branson has secured record courtroom recoveries and landmark verdicts for clients seriously injured by dangerous products, medical negligence, transportation injuries, industrial catastrophes, and, in recent years, commercial torts. He is a past president of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, Dallas Trial Lawyers Association, and Dallas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Additionally, he is a fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers.

Throughout his career Mr. Branson has consistently prided himself in his tenacious preparation, as well as his imagination in the courtroom. His firm has a nationwide reputation for its use of advanced, state-of-the-art trial techniques such as digital video, computer animation, medical art and individualized anatomical models.

Mr. Branson's prestige within the law community has been acknowledged since 1987. Forbes magazine recognized him as one of the most successful trial lawyers in the country, and D CEO Magazine recently named him as one of the top five lawyers corporate adver-

saries never want to face in court. His trial work was highlighted in The National Law Journal's Top 100 Verdicts in America in 2007.

Mr. Branson's importance to Dallas extends beyond the legal community. He has been recognized by the Vietnam Veterans of America's distinguished service award and the American Heart Foundation's Chip Moody Eagle Award. Mr. Branson is also a Garland Community Hospital Trustee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join with the people of Dallas in commending Frank Branson on his continual striving for excellence within the field of law and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

TRIBUTE TO ELISE JONES MARTIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader whose tremendous contributions were recently recognized with a new housing development named in her honor. Mrs. Elise Jones Martin has spent her entire life advocating for her community and it is fitting and I think proper, that a new neighborhood in the community that she has devoted her life to will now bear her name.

Elise Jones Martin is a native of Hartsville, South Carolina. She graduated from Essex High School in New Jersey, but returned to her beloved South Carolina in the 1930s to open a beauty salon in Columbia's thriving African American business corridor along Washington Street.

In addition to running her business, Mrs. Martin also furthered her education with trade and teacher training courses at Allen University, Benedict College and South Carolina State University. She went on to teach cosmetology at Booker T. Washington High School. She later became the first African American woman to open a business on Columbia's Main Street.

Throughout her life, she worked on behalf of building strong communities. In the 1960s, her mother organized the Jones-McDonald Club to ensure neighbors took an active part in maintaining their neighborhood. After her mother passed away, Mrs. Martin carried the mantle for the organization. Even well into her 80s, Mrs. Martin walked door to door to meet new neighbors and to encourage them to join the Jones-McDonald Club. With Mrs. Martin's influence, the club has grown beyond its initial purpose. Today it hosts an annual Easter brunch, produces a newsletter, and boasts the participation of elected city officials and religious leaders.

Mrs. Martin was also instrumental in providing community input for a Hope VI project that revitalized a former barrack-style housing complex in Columbia. Her belief that the home and the neighborhood are the foundations to producing solid, contributing citizens helped develop a philosophy for the new family-friendly development that replaced the warehouse approach of the former housing project.

She has taken her passion for building strong communities with her into public service. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Colum-

bia Zoning board for a number of years, serving until her late 80s. She was also an active member of Keep America Beautiful of the Midlands.

She performed another community service by heading her voting precinct for more than 30 years. While working at the polls during the 2008 Presidential primary, she had the honor of meeting then Senator Barack Obama.

Mrs. Martin is an advocate also for early detection of cancer. Using her speaking and leadership skills, she has traveled on behalf of the American Cancer Society's Best Chance Program, educating men and women about the warning signs of breast and prostate cancer.

She has been an active member of Bethel AME Church since arriving in Columbia in the 1930s, where she has served on the Board of Education, Steward Board, and the gospel choir. She is a recipient of the Queen Esther Award, which is one of the highest honors for women at Bethel AME.

Her organization memberships include: Board of Directors of the Drew Park, Renaissance Foundation Board, James E. Clyburn Golf Center Board, City Lighting Committee, City of Columbia Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development, several neighborhood crime prevention programs, and the W.A. Perry Middle School support group.

Mrs. Martin has received numerous awards for her service including recognition by the American Cancer Society, the Columbia City Council, the Columbia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Richland County School District One. On May 1, 2010, she added the honor of the dedication of The Elise Jones Martin Place to her long list of accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the contributions of a true community leader. Mrs. Elise Jones Martin has spent her entire life giving back to her community and improving the quality of life for her neighbors. I am pleased to call Mrs. Martin a friend, and I add my voice to those of so many others in thanking her for her selfless service. She is a remarkable individual who is deserving of our appreciation.

**HONORING THE SEVEN GOLD STAR
MEMBERS OF THE WELSH BETH-
EL BAPTIST CHURCH WHO SAC-
RIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING
WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR
II**

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the seven Gold Star Members of the Welsh Bethel Baptist Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The Welsh Bethel Baptist Church was founded in 1884.

During the 1940s, the Church established an Honor Roll of all of the members of the Church who served during World War II. In total, 111 members of the Church served in World War II, including 110 men and 1 woman.

The Church would honor those who were killed in action during the War by placing a gold star next to their name on the Honor Roll. Six members of the Church were killed in action during World War II and received this honor.

About ten years ago, the Church recognized its only member to be killed in action during World War I by adding his name to the Honor Roll along with a gold star.

Every year on Memorial Day, the Church holds a ceremony to honor its seven Gold Star Members.

On Sunday, May 30, 2010 the Church will pay tribute to the seven Gold Star Members of the Church by dedicating a memorial stone in front of the church in their honor.

The seven Gold Star Members, and Wilkes-Barre natives, being honored are:

Private William Robbins who was killed in Germany in World War I. He was only sixteen years old.

Private First Class Charles Grosspietsch who was killed in Luzon in the Philippines during World War II. He was 20 years old.

Corporal Kenneth Hobbs who was killed in Whelan, Germany during World War II. He was 28 years old.

Private First Class Robert Hummel who was killed in Germany during World War II. He was 21 years old.

Private William Parry, Jr. who died at Normandy during World War II. He was 24 years old.

Private William L. Richards who was killed in Anzio, Italy during World War II. He was 22 years old.

Staff Sergeant Thomas D. Williams who was killed in Russeisheim, Germany during World War II. He was 24 years old.

The memorial stone will be unveiled by Jack Johnson, the last surviving World War II veteran of the Church.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring these brave men who gave their lives protecting our country. This stone will serve as a reminder for future generations of the ultimate sacrifice made by these seven men who came before them.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of seniors, Social Security and Medicare.

Social Security and Medicare are among the most important programs ever created by our Government. Older Americans have worked hard and sacrificed themselves to ensure a better, stronger country for future generations. They deserve a secure, healthy retirement.

Together, Social Security and Medicare have helped tens of millions of seniors avoid poverty, enjoy better health, and maintain a respectable standard of living. For countless seniors, Medicare has literally saved their lives, giving access to medical treatment they would otherwise have been unable to afford.

These programs are a measure of what we truly value, and who we are as a Nation.

It was not always this way. Prior to the establishment of Medicare in 1965, a serious ill-

ness or hospitalization could easily bankrupt not only a senior, but his or her entire family. A single serious illness—a round of pneumonia, or a broken hip—could render an elderly man or woman destitute. Too often, our elders simply went without needed medical care, suffering and even dying because decent health care was out of reach.

I bring this up today to underscore the need for vigilance in protecting Medicare and Social Security from those that seek to privatize these vital programs. Indeed, the retirement and health security of today's retirees, today's workers, and future generations rests on the decisions that Congress makes on these programs.

During the year-long debate over health care reform, we heard a great deal of rhetoric from our Republican colleagues about the need to protect Medicare. Yet when given the chance to strengthen Medicare by providing better benefits, lowering costs, and preserving Medicare's solvency for years to come, my Republican colleagues unanimously voted no.

In opposing Health Care Reform, my colleagues said no to free preventive care for seniors, no to ending the 'donut hole' for prescription drug coverage and lowering prescription drug costs, and no to more time with and better access to primary care physicians.

Further, while erroneously assailing health reform legislation as detrimental to seniors and Medicare, the ranking Republican member on the House Committee on the Budget introduced H.R. 4529, the Roadmap for America's Future, which purports to rescue and strengthen Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, allowing them to fulfill their missions and making them permanently solvent—all while putting the federal budget on a sustainable path. If this were true, I would be the first in line to cosponsor the legislation.

However, analysis of the "Roadmap for America's Future" by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities revealed the plan "would raise taxes for most middle-income families, privatize a substantial portion of Social Security, eliminate the tax exclusion for employer-sponsored health insurance, end traditional Medicare and most of Medicaid, and terminate the Children's Health Insurance Program. The plan would replace these health programs with a system of vouchers whose value would erode over time and thus would purchase health insurance that would cover fewer health care services as the years went by."

What I find most disturbing about this proposal is the failure to acknowledge a connection between the recent volatility of the stock market and the effect that would have on privatized Social Security accounts. When a trillion dollars of wealth can disappear in 30 minutes, as it did on May 6, 2010, we know that the stock market is not the place for seniors' life savings. Privatization, or partial privatization, of the Social Security system would have been disastrous for millions of senior citizens that depend on their Social Security checks every month. Likewise, replacing Medicare with a voucher system and letting seniors fend for themselves on the private market would leave our seniors with less and less care every year.

America's seniors have worked long and hard to build a prosperous Nation, yet too many seniors in this country saw their retirement savings get decimated by President Bush's economic crisis. I rise today to assure

seniors that I and the Democrats in Congress will continue to stand firmly opposed to any and all efforts to privatize Social Security or turn Medicare into a voucher program. Moreover, we will continue to take a leading role to improve—rather than undermine—Social Security and Medicare.

HONORING THE HUMAN LOSS AT DEEPWATER HORIZON

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, on April 20, Louisiana lost eleven fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons at the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf. Sorrow for their deaths is borne across our State.

As we focus our energies on stopping the spill, it is important that we focus our prayers on the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We cannot lose sight of the fact that this incident began—and is—a painful human tragedy, and I am thankful for all of those in Louisiana who are consoling these families and providing comfort in their time of need.

In mourning their loss, we should also recognize their contributions to Louisiana and the Nation.

As this event makes painfully clear, energy security, even at home, is not won easily. The men and women who work on rigs and pipelines endure long hours, tough conditions, and considerable risk to provide us with the energy our Nation needs to prosper.

To all of those who make this sacrifice on the Nation's behalf, thank you. And to the families who lost loved ones, our prayers are with you and we are here for you.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELFINA TELLES

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Delfina Telles, former first lady of El Paso, Texas, who passed away on May 6, 2010 in Los Angeles, California at the age of 93. Delfina was a devoted wife and mother who was passionate about her community and work in public service. I am proud to pay tribute today to such a giving woman.

Delfina was the wife of Raymond Telles, who served as El Paso's first Hispanic Mayor from 1957–1961. Mr. Telles was also appointed as ambassador to Costa Rica by President Kennedy, during which time Delfina became active in civil affairs, including leading fundraising drives for a children's hospital and a rehabilitation center for children with disabilities in Costa Rica.

Delfina is recognized and remembered for her commitment to non-profit organizations and charity work. She worked tirelessly on behalf of such organizations as the March of Dimes, was co-chairperson of the annual Easter Seal Drive for El Paso's Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center, served on the Pan-American Round Table and the Woman's Auxiliary

of Providence Memorial Hospital, and was a director of the Chamber of Commerce Women's Department. She is also recognized for her work with the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and Community Chest. She was also appointed to the Defense Department's Advisory Committee on Women in the Service by President Nixon in 1974.

Mrs. Telles is survived by her husband, Raymond; her daughters, Cynthia Telles of Los Angeles and Patricia Telles-Irvin of Gainesville, Fla.; two sisters, Ana Jones and Noemi Valenzuela of El Paso; and a brother, Jose Santos Navarro of San Jose, Calif.

Delfina Telles was a truly kind-hearted woman whose selfless givings will forever leave a positive impact on the communities she touched. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and countless people who were blessed by her life of benevolence.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS IDENTITY THEFT

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce bipartisan legislation to strengthen the federal criminal laws punishing identity theft.

Identity theft is a serious and growing threat. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

Identity thieves use identifying information such as a consumer's Social Security number, credit card numbers, or other financial account information in order to conduct such fraud as opening up new credit cards and gaining access to bank accounts. The ramifications can be financially disastrous for citizens and can be extremely difficult to resolve. We must crack down hard on these criminals.

The fear of identity theft is also consistently cited as a reason many Americans are cautious about engaging in more transactions online. This is unfortunate because of the multitude of ways the Internet can help consumers shop, do business and communicate efficiently and at low cost.

The United States has many federal statutes targeting identity theft. However, some of these laws were weakened by a recent Supreme Court case.

18 USC 1028 and 1028A contain criminal punishments for certain identity theft violations when those violations are in connection with other federal crimes and state felonies. In 2009, the Supreme Court ruled that the language of those federal statutes require not only that the criminal use the identification documents of another person, but also that the criminal knew the documents were those of another actual person.

The context of that case was that an illegal alien had given an employer counterfeit social security and alien registration cards containing his name but the identification numbers of other individuals. He was charged with two immigration offenses as well as aggravated identity theft. The Supreme Court overturned the conviction on the aggravated identity theft count explaining that the language of the relevant statutes required prosecutors to prove

not only that the defendant used identity documents that were not his own, but also that the defendant knew the identity documents were those of another actual person.

Identity theft occurs when someone intentionally and unlawfully uses identity documents that are not his own. Our federal statutes should reflect this reality.

Today, I am introducing legislation to amend these federal statutes to make clear that when an identity thief intentionally and unlawfully uses identity documents that are not his own, prosecutors do not need to show that the criminal also knew that the identity documents were those of another actual person.

This clarification will help prosecutors put identity thieves behind bars and will help safeguard American citizens from identity-related crimes. I urge the Members of the House to support this bipartisan legislation.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN DON GRIGG

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a good man who left this world much too soon. On May 7, 2010, our State and Nation lost a great patriot when decorated Vietnam War veteran, tireless veterans advocate and long-time congressional staffer Captain Don Grigg died at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Little Rock. He was 71 years old.

Captain Don Grigg was a proud Arkansan and an even prouder American. I had the privilege and honor to know and work alongside Captain Grigg for the last 10 years and I am a better person for having done so.

There are few men in America like Captain Grigg. He was a true American hero, relentless veterans advocate, dedicated public servant with strong morals and an even stronger personality. With his passing, America has lost one of its biggest fans and veterans have lost one of their staunchest supporters.

Captain Grigg served this country with bravery and honor in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army. He fought in the Vietnam War, earning a Silver Star for gallantry in action, a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for injuries he sustained in the line of duty.

Captain Grigg has served veterans in Arkansas for many years in a number of capacities, including as a congressional aide to both former U.S. Congressman Jay Dickey and myself. Most recently, he served the people of Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District as senior district aide for military and veteran affairs in our Pine Bluff office. In this role, he worked around the clock to help veterans cut through the red tape and get the benefits they deserved. And, he was never shy about getting the information and help these veterans sought. When Don Grigg called, the VA office answered.

In 2008, Governor Mike Beebe appointed Captain Grigg to the Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs. Captain Grigg was also one of the originators of the Arkansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial and served on its executive committee, overseeing the memorial's design and construction. And, for more than 15 years, Captain Grigg served as the Coordinator of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Pro-

gram of the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, devoting his time to help Vietnam veterans find jobs following the war.

Above all, Captain Grigg was known for his love of country and faith in God. He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa; his two children, Grant Grigg and Danielle Pinney; his two grandchildren, Sam and Anna Marie; and, by numerous friends, family members and co-workers whose lives will be less rich because he is no longer in them, including mine. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this extraordinarily difficult time.

Our Nation is better, safer and stronger because of heroes and patriots like Captain Grigg. As I honor him today in the U.S. House of Representatives, Captain Grigg is being laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery alongside thousands of other American heroes.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Captain Don Grigg and his legacy, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Forces who gives the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great country.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MOORE McCULLOCH

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, Ohio's National Statuary Collection Study Committee was asked to compile a list of distinguished Ohioans from which one could be recommended for recognition in Statuary Hall. As the citizens of Ohio now weigh in on this list, I want to highlight the many accomplishments and distinguished record of public service of one member of that list, the late William Moore McCulloch.

William McCulloch was born in Holmes County in 1901. He attended the College of Wooster and in 1925 earned a law degree from The Ohio State University. He subsequently established a law practice in Piqua, from which he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1932.

McCulloch quickly ascended to the speakership and became the first person to serve three consecutive terms in that role. He resigned from the Ohio House in 1943 to enlist in the Army, where he served our great Nation in the European Theatre during the Second World War.

Following the war, McCulloch returned to his law practice in Piqua, but his passion for elective service led him to run for and win a 1947 special election to Congress. He readily won respect from all sides of the House for championing limited government and sound fiscal policies—but most notably for his groundbreaking work on civil rights issues. McCulloch worked behind the scenes with the Eisenhower White House to ensure passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960. Because of these successes, during deliberations on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, President Kennedy famously said of McCulloch, "Without him, it can't be done." President Johnson called him "the most important and powerful force" behind that legislation.

As ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, McCulloch also played key roles in

crafting and passing the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. He won accolades from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights for this vital work, as well as for defending the Voting Rights Act when it was reauthorized intact in 1970.

McCulloch did not seek re-election in 1972, returning to Piqua to resume the practice of law. He passed away in 1980 and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. The people of Piqua renamed their public square in his honor last year.

Madam Speaker, William McCulloch's statesmanship, political foresight, unwavering conservative principles, and commitment to freedom and dignity inspired all who knew him and served with him. Honoring him by inclusion in Statuary Hall would allow countless generations to be inspired by his distinguished record of service in the future.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF SOUTH KOREAN SEAMEN KILLED BY NORTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1382.

The March 26 torpedo attack on the Cheonan represents one of the most horrific acts of aggression in the long and all too often fraught history of the Korean peninsula. As a longstanding friend of the Korean people, I condemn the attack and fully support the steps taken to bring this matter before the U.N. Security Council and President Lee Myung-bak's decision to cut trade ties with North Korea.

The Republic of Korea is one of the United States strongest and most steadfast allies—and just as the Korean people have stood by us in our times of need—we will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with our Korean friends during these trying times. Our shared history has closely united our two nations with respect to not only our security but also our fundamental values, principles, and ideals. I share a particularly strong personal bond with Korea as the father of two adopted Korean American children.

To the families of the 46 sailors who died as a result of the attack, I offer my most heartfelt prayers. Your grief and loss is shared by millions of Americans whose thoughts are with you and your countrymen.

This condemnable attack must be met with a strong response from the international community and existing U.N. Security Council sanctions should be fully enforced. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this resolution, and I know that the American people will continue to stand by and support the Republic of Korea. I call on my colleagues to demonstrate this support by voting to pass this resolution.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JESUS DIAS PEREZ

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Jesus Dias Perez, a resident of Guam who on Sunday, May 16, 2010, celebrated his 90th birthday.

Jesus was born on May 16, 1920, in the village of Agana to Felix Flores Perez and Josefa Diaz. In 1941, Jesus enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he would go on to serve in World War II and the Korean War. He retired in 1961, having attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

He continued his commitment to public service after his retirement from the Navy, going to work for the County of San Diego, California. There, he supervised the County's Juvenile Ranch Facility, a correction and rehabilitation center for troubled youth. Jesus was committed to helping young adults get a second chance and a fresh start in life. Jesus also was an active member of the San Diego Elk's Lodge and participated in the Elks Club's chapter in Chula Vista. Jesus completed numerous community service projects on behalf of our nation's veterans.

Despite living thousands of miles from his home on Guam, Jesus continued to contribute to the Guam community, opening his home to family, friends, fellow veterans, and patients from Guam receiving care at San Diego medical facilities.

Jesus was married to the late Margaret Chamberlain and has one daughter, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Today, I commend Jesus Perez for his lifetime of service to Guam, our community, our veterans, our youth, and our nation. I also join with his family and friends in congratulating him on his 90th birthday. We appreciate his contributions to our nation and our community.

RECOGNIZING U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 81 OF OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, June 1, 2010, marks the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81, in Ocean City, New Jersey. Flotilla 81 was the fifth Auxiliary unit formed in the United States and was made up of volunteering yachtsmen who had summer homes in Ocean City. Their first meeting was held at the Ocean City Yacht Club on June 1, 1940.

As the United States was thrust into World War II, the Coast Guard Auxiliary was reorganized in 1941 to include only civilians and civilian vessels. During World War II, the flotilla from Ocean City engaged in off-shore rescues and conducted observation patrols along the New Jersey coastline on a near daily basis, with 8 months of daily coverage in 1942—a mission which was unmatched by any other flotilla in the United States at that time. Even during the famous Hurricane of 1945, the

Ocean City Flotilla played a major role in the rescue and preservation of lives and property by providing nearly 4,000 man-hours of service in a 3-day period.

After the war, the flotilla and the auxiliary went through an evolution. As changes in membership and activity caused other auxiliary flotillas to be deactivated, other auxiliaries began to fill a need for public education and vessel safety examinations.

As the mission of the Coast Guard has been expanded over the years, the importance of the auxiliary has grown. Congress is adding more responsibilities and the Coast Guard is increasing the training opportunities and duties for the auxiliary, and Flotilla 81 is leading the way. From important safety patrols and operational support to Coast Guard missions, to educational briefings on boating safety and vessel safety checks, Flotilla 81 is providing a vital service to the region, and serves as an example to the country.

With an honorable and distinguished history, and a dedicated and enthusiastic membership today, it is my honor and pleasure to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81 of Ocean City, New Jersey. I encourage all members to recognize the service of Coast Guard auxiliaries in their districts.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE TOWN OF FREEPORT, OHIO, ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, William Melton oversaw the founding of Freeport, Ohio in Tuscarawas County on March 7, 1810; and

Whereas, the earliest settlers included Daniel Easley, John Reed, Jonathan Grewell, Jacob Snyder, Aaron Ruble, Barnabas McNamee, and John Grubb; and

Whereas, Freeport, on the banks of the Stillwater River, served as a friendly port for those brave and adventurous enough to traverse the wilderness; and

Whereas, Freeport was founded on the values of community and service and has remained so for its 200 years; and

Whereas, the town of Freeport has been and will continue to be a shining example of welcoming hospitality for travelers and commitment to community and service for residents; and

Whereas, the official town charter dates back to June 3, 1834; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with friends, family, and residents of Freeport, as well as the entire 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the town of Freeport on its 200th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING AUSTIN HARRIS OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of my constituents for his unwavering commitment to our

country and his exemplary citizenship. His name is Austin Harris.

Austin is someone who exercises his patriotism on a daily basis. His room is decorated red, white and blue, and he watches the Congressional proceedings on television. Not only that but he also makes a habit of reading remarks made by the President of the United States.

While he keeps himself updated on a regular basis on the affairs of the federal government, Austin has also distinguished himself locally. He has served as an advocate for public transportation and represented his city in the "All-American Cities" competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

Austin has also taken the time to travel to our state capitol and lobby the State Legislature for services for persons with developmental disabilities. His volunteerism hasn't stopped there; Austin is also a volunteer at his local senior center, City Zoo and Teen court.

The fact that a young man would take the time to do so much is impressive enough. Oftentimes in our society, it seems as though we have to do a lot to get young folks interested in civics and community service. The fact that Austin has done this on his own sets him apart from his peers. The fact that Austin has cerebral palsy and is epileptic elevates him above his peers.

The fact that Austin has an uphill battle in dealing with issues we take for granted every day and still gives back to his community is itself, unique. It is unique to Austin and it is uniquely American.

I am proud to say that this young man hails from my district. I wish that more young people across America had his sense of duty and pride in his country. Austin realizes that for America to continue to be great, everyone must do their part every day. I am honored to recognize him today and wish him continued success. His actions do us all proud and are a shining example of what it truly means to be an American citizen.

COMMEMORATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I want to begin by thanking my colleague, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for championing this cause tonight.

Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate all of the valuable contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our culture and shared history. These contributions have been represented in achievements in public service, medicine, politics, technology, literature and entertainment.

Without a firm appreciation for Jewish tradition and history we leave ourselves open to attitudes and behavior focused on religious bias and prejudice.

American culture and history is full of the positive contributions that Jewish Americans have made.

In World War II, over 500,000 Jews served in the American military—many of them paying the ultimate price for our country's freedom and liberty.

One of my boyhood heroes—the great Sandy Koufax pitcher for the LA Dodgers—

was Jewish. His religious devotion caused him to sit out of game 1 of the 1965 World Series because it was on Yom Kippur. Yet he came back, and pitched two games in the series, leading the Dodgers to victory.

We have also had many Jewish Americans serve in public office. The first Jewish Congressman, David Levy Yulee, was elected in 1841. Oscar Straus was the first Jew to serve in the President's Cabinet in 1806.

Taking time to honor celebrations like this is important for Americans to reflect on our history.

We must remember that we are a nation of immigrants. A nation of different ethnicities and religions. And instead of ignoring them, it is important to take time and honor our differences and appreciate them. In doing this, we build our diverse culture and strengthen our country's unity.

As a Hispanic, I know what kind of challenges exist and our cultures share many of the same views on many important issues—issues like civil rights, comprehensive immigration reform, promotion of diversity.

I am proud to be here, honoring Jewish Americans and their contributions that have enriched our history and culture.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the United States-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act (H.R. 5327). I have had the pleasure of traveling to Israel on many occasions, and I have witnessed firsthand the fear that prevents children from running freely for fear of being too far from shelter when the next rocket attack comes. As we try to facilitate peace negotiations in the Middle East, we also have a responsibility to help Israel with the economic, social, and security costs resulting from terrorist attacks. That includes helping our friend and ally develop defensive technologies to protect her population.

I have supported United States-Israel cooperation on the Arrow, Iron Dome, and other antimissile defense systems for years. I am pleased that President Obama has requested \$205 million for this program and that this bill provides the necessary authority for the administration to assist in the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of these technologies. Our cooperative effort will benefit both the United States and Israel for many years to come. This is a very worthy bill, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Glendale Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce, established in 1910, is a local organization committed to sound and stable economic growth in the City of Glendale. In accordance with this mission, the Chamber aims to provide the leadership required to keep the business community's goals in focus and to keep Glendale competitive as an economic hub for the greater Los Angeles area. As the city's "Voice of Business," it works to increase prosperity by encouraging the growth of existing business and nurturing new enterprises.

Initially created as an informal institution modeled after earlier improvement organizations, the Chamber responded to the expansion of the city by adopting a more formal structure. It officially established an annual membership fee and hired a manager in 1921. The Chamber's early successes are many. In the first two decades, it successfully lobbied for a new post office, worked to establish the city's Grand Central Airport, worked for the adoption of the uniform building code, lobbied for the establishment of a Department of Motor Vehicles office in town, and lobbied for the establishment of a Superior Court in the city.

As Glendale's population has grown from 2700 in 1921 to 270,000 today, so too has the Chamber sought to expand and improve its service to the community and its member businesses. In accordance with its mission statement, it strives to nurture the growth of private businesses, maintain the city's economic productivity, and promote a free market economy. As a strong community partner, the Chamber works full time to fulfill the tenets of its mission, its efforts spearheaded by a talented group of business and community leaders serving as its Board of Directors. In large part due to the Chamber's efforts, Glendale has transformed from an agrarian community to a major financial and retail center in Southern California.

I am proud to recognize the past and present members and supporters of the Chamber for their unique contributions to Glendale's local community, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Glendale Chamber of Commerce for 100 years of dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HOWARD DODSON, JR.: HISTORY'S KEEPER IN HARLEM

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to pay tribute to the commendable work of Mr. Howard Dodson. As director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture he has provided the community with an abundant collection of African American historical materials. Recently, The New Yorker published an article profiling Mr. Dodson and his contributions to African American history.

Mr. Dodson, who is turning 71 in June, has been running Harlem's Schomburg Center for the last 25 years. Under his leadership, the center has raised over 40 million dollars and has preserved some of African American history's most important treasures, including Malcolm X's diaries from Mecca and first editions

of 18th century poet Phyllis Wheatley's poems.

Dodson has dedicated his life to presenting to the outside community a fuller picture of Black America. His devotion to this work has made him a connector of the past and present. Dodson sees his upcoming retirement as an opportunity to start a new, broader legacy.

At the Schomburg Center he built an array of respected educational and cultural programs, including seminars, exhibitions, film screenings, and performing arts projects to complement its permanent collection. It was during his time at Villanova University, where he graduated with a Masters in History and Political Science in 1964, that Dodson became fascinated with African and African American history. His work at the Schomburg pays homage to Arthur A. Schomburg, the historian whose personal collection served as the starting point for today's internationally renowned center. One of the highlights of Dodson's career was his involvement with the African Burial Ground project, which oversaw the exhumation and reburial of the remains of hundreds of Africans buried in New York City during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Today, Mr. Dodson continues to improve the research and intellectual resources available to the community for investigating African and African American culture.

I commend to your attention the attached May 3 New Yorker article.

TREASURE HUNTER

[From the New Yorker, May 3, 2010]

(By Lauren Collins)

When Howard Dodson, Jr., the director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, in Harlem, was thirty, the life expectancy for a black male was sixty. Dodson was just enrolling in a doctoral program at U.C. Berkeley. "I figured I'd be forty by the time I was done, and I'd only have twenty years to work," Dodson recalled last week, sitting in one of the center's conference rooms. "So I went into this conversation with me and God. I said, 'Look, God. I need some more time. Give me seventy-two years. I'll have done all the work I needed to do. I'll be ready to, you know, waltz on out of here.'" Dodson paused for a minute—quiet, grave. "Well, about five years ago, I started renegotiations!" he said.

Dodson, who turns seventy-one in June, will retire next year, after a quarter century of running the Schomburg, the world's premier facility for the preservation and study of African-American culture. Under his stewardship, the center has raised more than forty million dollars. Its treasures, ten million of them, are various: Richard Wright's manuscript of "Native Son," a first edition of Phyllis Wheatley's poems, African fertility masks, sheet music for spirituals, photographs of strawberry pickers and uptown grandees, Malcolm X's diaries from Mecca. Dodson has salvaged artifacts from dumpsters (the love letters of the muralist Aaron Douglas) and from storage units (the papers of Léon Damas, the founder of the Négritude movement). Rummaging in the collection one day, Dodson came upon a sheet of commemorative stamps from the 1936 Olympics. "It was signed by Jesse Owens and the six other African-American athletes who won medals," he said. "And by Göring and Hitler!" If the African-American experience is a diaspora, Dodson has amassed its richest seed bank.

Dodson grew up in Chester, Pennsylvania, where his parents, both natives of Danville,

Virginia, had moved during the First World War. His father found work in construction. His mother became a silk presser. "It was a rough town," Dodson recalled. "I was, for some reason, designated from an early age to—in the language of the time—'represent the race.' For that reason, everybody drew a ring of protection around me." Dodson went on to West Chester State College, and to Villanova, where he earned a master's in history and political science. He joined the Peace Corps in 1964, and spent two years in Ecuador. "I was inspired by reading 'The Ugly American,'" he recalled. "It talked about the ways that expatriates were misrepresenting Americans abroad, and I decided that I could do a better job."

In 1968, he said, "the combination of King's death, the collapse of the Poor People's Campaign, and Bobby Kennedy's assassination drove a stake into my plans." He felt that he had debts to redeem in America. "I was the first person in my family to go to college, and I didn't have a right to individualism," he said. Confused and bereft, he retreated to a friend's cabin in the mountains near Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. "I declared myself insane and was trying to read myself back into sanity, to ground myself in the history of my people," he said.

After his exile in Puerto Rico, Dodson went to Berkeley, where he studied slavery in the Western Hemisphere, and favored an outfit of flared pants and a flat-topped hat, which helped him become known as the Cisco Kid. At the Schomburg, he was wearing a double-breasted tweed suit, a brown paisley tie, and laceless leather slippers, and, on his left index finger, a gold pyramid ring, signifying his status as a thirty-third-degree Mason. A lucky cowrie shell was pinned to his left lapel. "I've been dressing since I was in high school," Dodson said. "I worked with my mother at the dry-cleaning plant off the Main Line, where I had my pick of anything left after thirty days."

One of the high points of Dodson's tenure at the Schomburg was his involvement with the African Burial Ground project, which oversaw the exhumation and reburial of the remains of more than four hundred Africans, which had lain in an unmarked cemetery downtown. "Those seventeenth- and eighteenth-century ancestors gave me assignments," Dodson said. "I'd do stuff, and they'd say, 'Look, follow through.' I'd say, 'I've got a full-time job, and I don't have time.' And they'd say, 'No, you've gotta do this.'" Now the ancestors are urging Dodson to visit the rock churches in Ethiopia, to go to Xi'an to see the terra-cotta warriors, to visit Machu Picchu. They're telling him it's his time. "I fulfilled all my service obligations," he said. "I don't owe anything to anybody! But me."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LARRY AND NORMA HINDS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Larry and Norma Hinds are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their wedding; and

Whereas, they have served as an example of commitment to each other and to the bonds of marriage for their family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, the couple are appreciated for their dedication and contributions to the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities; and

Whereas, Larry and Norma Hinds have demonstrated the values of service to community through their work in Licking County: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Larry and Norma Hinds for their fifty years of marriage and serving as role models of commitment to love, family, and community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN VINCENT PANGELINAN GERBER

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber, a lifetime resident of the village of Ordot, Guam. John Gerber passed away on May 4, 2010 at the age of 58.

Born on May 31, 1951, in Guam, John is the eldest son of Martin and Dolores Gerber. He attended Barrigada Junior High School, Father Dueñas Memorial School, and after graduating from George Washington High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on June 4, 1969. After completing basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, John was deployed to Vietnam where he served with the Fleet Logistics Command in support of the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, John was assigned to Bravo Company at Marine Barracks Guam. John Gerber was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps on June 3, 1975.

John Gerber began his civilian career as a young radio disc jockey on the Wireless Rock Show and later established a record store in Guam's capital of Hagatna called the Wireless Rock Music Box. John also started a charter boat tour company that took visitors around Guam's southern shores.

In 1992, John joined the Guam Chapter of the 3rd Marine Division Association, and as a member of this service organization, he devoted his time to helping his fellow Marines, service members, and veterans. John invited individuals or groups associated with the 3rd Marine Division visiting Guam to one of the famous Gerber fiestas at his home in Ordot, and while there, Marine Corps veterans groups and service members would be treated to an evening of Chamorro hospitality. Throughout his lifetime, John and the 3rd Marine Division Association hosted over 16,000 service members on Guam.

In 2004, John Gerber led a petition to rename Route 1 on Guam from Marine Drive to Marine Corps Drive. John argued that the intent of the original authorization for the highway was to recognize the U.S. service members who liberated Guam. That same year,

John walked from Andersen Air Force Base to Naval Base Guam, 27 miles in total, while pulling a cart the entire length. His campaign was successful, and Route 1 in Guam is now officially named Marine Corps Drive. Every year, John also loaned his restored World War II-era vehicles as part of Guam's Liberation Day Parade.

On July 21, 2008, the 64th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam, John opened the Pacific War Museum on Guam. This non-profit museum was built by John to showcase his World War II-era memorabilia and to educate the public on the War in the Pacific.

I join our community in mourning the loss of John Gerber, and I offer my sincere condolences to his wife, Mela Gomez Gerber; his siblings, Martin, Joyce, Wanda, Debra and Janet; his children, Ryan, Christiana, Storm and Rio; and to his many family, friends and fellow Marines. He will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I also request that two additional items be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The first is a tribute to John Gerber from Brigadier General Ben Blaz, the former Member of Congress from Guam. General Blaz was a good friend of John Gerber, and he composed this tribute in his memory.

MY FRIEND

His name was John. He was exceedingly proud of his Chamorro heritage. He was the personification of a United States Marine. He was unabashedly loyal to America.

We hailed from the same village, metro Ordot, as he would say on occasion. His effervescent presence was always felt; sometimes quietly, other times not. His devotion to his friends was profound; his tolerance for those with whom he disagreed was noteworthy, at times!

It is said that in life, there is a time to grow and a time to glow. John did both in tandem. He was endowed with a natural ability to rally and to lead those with him to reach their goal. Many of his accomplishments were in keeping with a vow he made to a dying friend that he would strive to do well the rest of his life. His intense commitment to fulfill that vow resulted, among others, in the establishment of a remarkable museum to remind all of us how dearly the liberators and the liberated paid for the freedom we enjoy today.

In acknowledgement of his many accomplishments, I invited John and his wife to join me as Guest of Honor on the reviewing stand for the performance of the Marine Corps Battle Colors Detachment at Asan Park in March. He would not accept the invitation. I asked him a second time and he declined once more because he would prefer to be with his comrades—veterans of all the Services. I approached him a third time and threatened not to attend the ceremony unless he and his wife joined me. Reluctantly, he accepted for which I was so grateful for no other guest present that day was more deserving than he to be honored.

My friend's full name was John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber. He was shorter than I, but I looked up to him for he was an extraordinary man from whom I learned to be a better person.

John did not seek fame; it sought him!
Semper Fidelis, Marine!

The second item is the eulogy offered by Colonel Robert Loynd of the U.S. Marine Corps at John Gerber's memorial service. Colonel Loynd is with Marine Forces Pacific and was asked to deliver the eulogy at the request of John Gerber's family.

EULOGY TO JOHN GERBER—FELLOW MARINE

Let me begin by saying what a distinct honor it is to stand before you on this altar

today in the presence of this beloved and storied Marine, and represent with this eulogy the memories, sorrow, gratitudes and condolences of all United States Marines around the globe who have had the privilege of knowing John Gerber. And I use the past tense loosely here, because there are many United States Marines yet to come who will also undoubtedly have the privilege of getting to know John and his legacy while visiting his Pacific War Museum—an unyielding and enduring structure of steel and iron, lovingly filled with artifacts of sacrifice and recollections of wartime faithful devotion—built by John Gerber's hands, to withstand the rigors of time. In many ways, John and the Museum itself are one in the same—steadfast, lasting, loyal, engaging, welcoming, enlightening, forgiving, hallowed, and revered. Timeless qualities that transcend any earthly existence.

I first heard the name “John Gerber” about four years ago in 2006 in an unlikely place. I was sitting in the Incheon International Airport in Seoul, Korea awaiting a late-night flight to Guam for Alliance talks between senior U.S. and Korean military leaders. The mere fact that I remember that moment speaks volumes about John, in and of itself. I wasn't part of the specific conversation at the airport, and like most staff officers who carry the laptops and briefing books for the senior officers, I was only pretending to be attentive as I sat on the periphery of two general officers, one couch over in the airport terminal, who were engaged in what appeared to me to be largely irrelevant banter. Amidst the sleep-inducing drone I suddenly heard a sentence that leaped-out at me with alarming clarity and purpose: “Nobody's done more for the Marine Corps' legacy on Guam than John Gerber.” Needless to say, I was intrigued and leaned-in to see if I could hear more. With frustration, however, I leaned back in my chair as the sentence ended right there, with the two Generals nodding to each other in stern, solemn agreement. My intrigue would have to remain unsolved—one of the unfortunate aspects of “experience” in the Marine Corps—for I had learned many years before that it would not have been wise at that moment for the LtCol—one couch over—to interrupt two Generals engaged in a private conversation by asking: “Excuse me, Sir—Who is John Gerber?”

2nd Lieutenant Loynd might have asked.

But the sentence stayed with me, and it wouldn't be until April of last year in 2009 that I would finally gain the honor of meeting The Man. Since then, I have found myself often repeating the same sentence, in my own conversations, with the same clarity, distinction and purpose that I heard it with four years ago: “Nobody's done more for the Marine Corps' legacy on Guam than John Gerber.” Truer words were never spoken.

Knowing what I know now about John and what he means to the Marine Corps and our heritage, I should have interrupted the generals four years ago with my question. Instead of the expected steely-eyed glare for interrupting, I'm certain that I would have been educated in a heartfelt way about the Man and his incredible legacy. The General's response most likely would have been something like: “Well Bob, let me tell you about my friend John Gerber. . . .”

What he would have told me would have been a reverent tale about a man who devotes every waking moment of his life to serving others, to honoring the legacy of sacrifice and commitment by those veterans who demonstrated the full measure of devotion to their country and their comrades, and about a man who loves the Marine Corps and his fellow Marines with every fiber of his being.

When I did finally meet John in April of 2009 at his museum, I immediately sensed something unique—that I was in the presence of a man so humble and modest, but yet so commanding and persuasive at the same time. I was on an advanced visit to Guam a couple of months prior to moving here from my assignment at Headquarters Marine Corps. My predecessor on Guam, Col. Paul Brier, made sure to bring me to the Museum to meet John on the very first day of my visit. We were immediately greeted by John around the back, his Marine Corps ball cap tilted back on his head, his gray “Marines” t-shirt soaked through with sweat and covered with twigs, mulch, and sawdust. I was meeting a man of the earth, imbued with an ethic of labor and hard work. Shaking his hand, the roughness of his palm immediately told me the story. But I was also meeting a man of tremendous intellect, as I learned more in the first five minutes about Guam's cross-cultural history and conflicts than my jet-lagged brain could absorb. We went through the museum and I was machine-gunned by John with not only Marine history about the 3rd Marine Division at Asan and the 1st Marine Provisional Brigade at Agat, but very personal tales of courage, heroism, love and devotion. Of men like Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Louis Wilson, and Catholic Priest Father Duenas; about hometown Chamorro Marine Corps officers and leaders such as Capt. Peter Siguenza and BGen Ben Blaz, about Underwood and Puller and about the 1,548 United States Marines who gallantly gave their lives in the Liberation of Guam. And true to his character, John presented a balanced and open-minded perspective, as we transitioned to the other wing of the museum where I was overwhelmed with his equally in-depth knowledge of the Japanese perspectives of the war.

Our relationship would grow over the next year and I would routinely turn to John for help in ensuring that our visiting Marines—his Marines—were well taken care of.

Two months ago, I was asked to write a letter of recommendation to support the nomination of John to receive the prestigious “Colonel John H. Magruder III Award” from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation in Quantico, Virginia. Once again, I found myself using that famous sentence from Korea. And I quote the final paragraph of my letter of recommendation:

“Over the course of the past two decades, no person has done more to honor the history and reputation of the United States Marine Corps on Guam than John Gerber. His Pacific War Museum remains a sole outpost of Marine Corps heritage in the vast Mid-Pacific. Visited by commandants, generals, congressmen, Marines, history enthusiasts, tourists, children and citizens of various nations alike, John's museum both inspires and brings contemplative reflection. For his tireless devotion to depicting the legacy, service and history of the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific, I can think of no finer recipient of the “Colonel John H. Magruder III Award” than John Gerber.”

I have high hopes that this award will come true. But in my mind, there was no greater local recognition of John's devotion than to see him and Mel sitting next to BGen Ben Blaz as Guests of Honor for the performance of the storied Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment at Asan Beach this past March—a first ever performance on Guam that could not have been a success, without, once again, John Gerber's legendary passion, love, devotion and work-ethic. John single-handedly prepared the Asan Park for a performance befitting the Marines from 8th and I. And because of that—they will be back. And I know they will be playing a tune for John.

Rudyard Kipling once wrote:

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in
it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man my
son!"

Well, from May 31st, 1951 until May 4th 2010, the Man—John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber—ran the distance everyday and filled every unforgiving, unyielding minute of his life with action, passion and commitment. John nurtured his earth and everyone who was in it, and today we Marines extend our collective devotion and gratitude to John for having been one of us—our friend, our standard-bearer and Guam's most devoted Marine.

Now, it's a tragic misunderstanding that some may think that Marines aren't prone to poetry (and don't worry—I didn't write one), but John Gerber was a fan of poetry—his favorite poem being one of the greatest ever written—"The Marines Hymn." And we Marines will be coming to attention for that later today in John's honor. But I do want to end with a beautiful sonnet written by the Anglo-American Poet John Gillespie Magee that eulogized the laying to rest of the famous World War I English poet Rupert Brooke, who died on his way to the Battle of Gallipoli. As I read it, please think of John Gerber, all that he is, and all that he has achieved in his wonderfully productive life on earth.

"We laid him in a cool and shadowed grove
One evening in the dreamy scent of thyme
Where leaves were green, and whispered high
above—

A grave as humble as it was sublime;
There, dreaming in the fading deeps of
light—

The hands that thrilled to touch a woman's
hair;

Brown eyes, that loved the Day, and looked
on Night,

A soul that found at last its answered Prayer.
er. . .

There daylight, as a dust, slips through the
trees.

And drifting, gilds the fern around his
grave—

Where even now, perhaps, the evening breeze
Steals shyly past the tomb of him who gave
New sight to blinded eyes; who sometimes
wept—

A short time dearly loved; and after,—slept."
Rest in Peace, John. Mission Accomplished.

Semper Fidelis Marine.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALT L.
HANLINE, ED.D.

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and service of Dr. Walt L. Hanline upon his retirement as the Superintendent of the Ceres Unified School District.

Throughout his 35-year career, Dr. Hanline has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the development of the highest standards for the education of all children, modeling through his daily interactions with staff and the community his passion for doing what is right, including the creation of smaller learning communities for Ceres students through an unprecedented school facility building project val-

ued at over \$166 million and resulting in five new elementary schools and a new high school campus. His dedication to the highest level of integrity and service resulted in his distinguished recognition as the 2007 State Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators for his positive influences and successes in education, in proving that all students can succeed when high standards are set. In addition, Dr. Hanline's commitment to the community in which he serves, is evidenced by his award as the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce, as a result of his successes in building positive working relationships between the City of Ceres and the Ceres Unified School District, co-founding the CUSD Foundation to provide supplemental educational opportunities to Ceres students and teachers, and actively serving in the Ceres community through the Ceres Community Collaborative. He has served as a mentor to future educational leaders through his position as adjunct professor at the California State University, Stanislaus, presenting at numerous education summits and workshops throughout the United States.

Dr. Hanline has dedicated himself for over 35 years to education, as a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent, serving the past 9 years as superintendent of the Ceres Unified School District. He has shown himself to be a leader who has vision and determination to achieve the goals he sets for both the District and the community for which he serves. It is my distinguished pleasure to recognize Dr. Walt Hanline for his achievements and to honor him as my friend. I wish both he and his wife, Edith, the best as they embark on this new chapter in their lives.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the 100-year anniversary of the St. David's Society of Lackawanna County.

The St. David's Society of Lackawanna County was founded in 1910 to promote, preserve and hold sacred the Welsh traditions of Lackawanna County in northeastern Pennsylvania and foster friendship among all ethnic groups in the region.

The Society is a non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political organization.

Northeastern Pennsylvania has a strong Welsh tradition dating back to the 18th century when Welsh made up about one-third of Pennsylvania's colonial population.

After the discovery of coal in the region during the 1800s, a new wave of Welsh immigrants descended on northeastern Pennsylvania. By the early 20th century, Welsh-born immigrants were heavily settled in the city of Scranton.

Today, Pennsylvania maintains one of the highest populations of Welsh ancestry in the country.

Over the past 100 years, the St. David's Society of Lackawanna County has worked to preserve Welsh history throughout the region.

Last year, the Society commemorated the 140th anniversary of the 1869 Avondale coal mine disaster by completing a restoration project at the Washburn Street Cemetery in Scranton where 60 Welsh miners were buried.

Each year, the Society celebrates St. David's Day on March 1 with an annual dinner in honor of the patron saint of Wales and as a yearly celebration of Welsh heritage in the region.

This year's centennial celebration began on March 1 with flag raisings in Carbondale and Clarks Summit, PA.

To commemorate this historic anniversary, the Society has also organized a special Welsh Heritage Exhibit at the Anthracite Heritage Museum in Scranton to promote the Welsh influence in the coal industry in northeastern Pennsylvania.

On May 29, 2010, the Society will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a dinner and concert in Dickson City, PA.

This year's dinner and concert will feature the Ystradgynlais Male Voice Choir who will be traveling from Wales to take part in the festivities. Catrin Brace of the Welsh Assembly Government in New York will serve as the keynote speaker.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the St. David's Society of Lackawanna County on this historic occasion. In the years to come, I am confident they will continue to foster a rich ethnic appreciation for the next generation of northeastern Pennsylvania residents.

TRIBUTE TO CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished higher education institution in South Carolina's Sixth Congressional District that is celebrating its 140th anniversary. Claflin University, a Methodist affiliated institution, was founded in 1869 and is the oldest historically black college in South Carolina.

In 1869, Dr. Alonzo Webster, a minister and educator from Vermont, secured a charter for Claflin University. This charter was unique in that it forbade the discrimination of any sort among faculty, staff and students, making the college the first in South Carolina to open its doors to students regardless of race, class or gender. The school took its name from Boston philanthropist Lee Claflin and his son, Massachusetts Governor William Claflin, who provided the financing for the purchase of the Orangeburg campus.

Dr. Webster served as Claflin's first president. He was a trained theologian, who originally came to South Carolina to teach at the Baker Biblical Institute in Charleston, which was established by the South Carolina Mission Conference of 1866 for the Methodist Episcopal Church to educate African American ministers. In 1870, the Baker Biblical Institute merged with Claflin and moved to Orangeburg.

Two years later, the South Carolina General Assembly designated the South Carolina State Agricultural and Mechanical Institute as part of Claflin University. Then in 1896, the General Assembly voted to separate the two institutions, and South Carolina State became a

separate land-grant institution on property donated by Claflin adjacent to its campus.

In its 140-year history, Claflin University has been served by only eight presidents. Following Dr. Webster were Dr. Edward Cooke (1872–1884); Dr. Lewis M. Dunton (1884–1922); Dr. Joseph B. Randolph (1922–1944); Dr. John J. Seabrook (1945–1955); Dr. Hubert V. Manning (1956–1984); Dr. Oscar A. Rogers, Jr. (1984–1994); and Dr. Henry N. Tisdale (1994–present).

During Dr. Cooke's administration, a fire destroyed the Fisk Building, which was designed by Robert Bates, who was the first certified Black Architect in the United States.

The first college class graduated in 1879 under Dr. Cooke's administration. Dr. Cooke was succeeded by his vice president and development officer, the Reverend Dr. Lewis Dunton. He established a law department under the tutelage of the Honorable J.J. Wright, a former Associate Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court. The program's graduates were admitted to the South Carolina Bar. Dr. Dunton also increased the campus from 6 to 21 acres. He even deeded his home and 6 acres of land to Claflin after his retirement.

Claflin's fourth president, Dr. Joseph Randolph, emphasized a liberal arts education. He sought to inspire students intellectually, culturally, and spiritually to prepare them for a variety of professions. Under his direction, the high school and upper grades were discontinued. The first four years of elementary school were retained for the teacher education program; however, they were later discontinued as well.

Dr. Seabrook, who became the fifth president, persuaded the South Carolina Annual Conference to substantially increase its annual giving to Claflin. He also renewed the interest of the New England Conference of the Methodist Church in the institution. The increased funding enabled the college to expand its programs, and in 1948 it became accredited for the first time by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The tenure of the sixth president, Dr. Manning, was most noticeably marked by the significant increase in Claflin's physical plant. He also strengthened the faculty and increased the endowment. It was during Dr. Manning's tenure that I was first associated with the University.

Under Dr. Rogers' administration, two capital campaigns were completed. This increased the endowment and improved the college's financial base. Student enrollment grew and the Grace Thomas Kennedy building was constructed. He also commissioned a master plan to guide campus development into the 21st century.

In 1994, the current president, Dr. Henry Tisdale took the helm of Claflin. He was a former senior vice president and chief academic officer at Delaware State University. His dedication to scholarly achievement led him to declare academic excellence was the number one priority of the institution. Dr. Tisdale established the Claflin Honors College and the Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, and gained the national accreditation of more than a dozen academic programs. Under his leadership, Masters programs in Business Administration, Biotechnology and Education were established. He also oversaw construction of the Living and Learning Center, Legacy Plaza, the Student Residential

Center, the Music Center and the new University Chapel.

Claflin University has been recognized as one of the nation's Top Tier higher education institutions by publications including U.S. News and World Report, Forbes.com, Consumers Digest, Chronicle of Higher Education, and the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Claflin University on its rich 140-year history. Claflin began as a mission to educate African American ministers and today has become one of our country's premier higher education institutions. I commend Dr. Tisdale and Claflin University for their tremendous contributions to South Carolina and its students.

HONORING DALLAS POLICE CHIEF DAVID BROWN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dallas Police Department's new Chief of Police, David Brown. A 27-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, Chief Brown was sworn in to his new role earlier this month.

A graduate of Dallas Baptist University and Amberton University, Chief Brown has spent his entire police career with the Dallas Police Department. He has served as police Lieutenant, Sergeant, Senior Corporal, Officer, Deputy Chief, First Assistant Chief, Interim Dallas Assistant City Manager, and First Assistant Chief. His expanse of experience within the police department will certainly serve him well in his role as chief.

Chief Brown is a strong and dedicated manager who is extremely knowledgeable about and dedicated to the Dallas community. A native of Oak Cliff, Chief Brown has deep connections to the community he protects. He is known in the department for leading innovative projects to reduce crime, and plans to continue to explore new methods of crime prevention.

I look forward to working with Chief Brown as he seeks to increase the visibility of the Dallas Police Department and reduce crime. He has an important job ahead of him and I am confident that the dedication that has dictated his career will continue in his new role as chief.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN DON GRIGG FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Captain Don Grigg, who lived a life of service to his country.

Grigg proudly served in the Vietnam War where his selflessness earned him the Silver Star, a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

He was a veteran who always remembered what an honor it was to fight for freedom and

defend liberty. He continued his fight off the battlefield as a strong supporter of veterans and worked to get them the benefits they earned.

Grigg's hard work on behalf of our nation's veterans was noticed by people across Arkansas. In 2008 Governor Mike Beebe appointed him to the Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs.

As a man who devoted his life to the United States and our veterans, it is fitting that Captain Grigg will be laid to rest with his comrades at Arlington National Cemetery.

We appreciate his service to our country and our veterans appreciate his work on their behalf.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOB HOPE VILLAGE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Bob Hope Village. Located in Shalimar, Florida, the Bob Hope Village has succeeded in creating a safe and secure housing community for enlisted Air Force widows. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am glad to acknowledge the compassion demonstrated by the community's founders.

The Bob Hope Village was a vision of active duty and retired Air Force non-commissioned officers. Upon learning that more than 50,000 enlisted Air Force widows were living in poverty due to the challenging nature of transient military life, the group acted to create the Air Force Enlisted Village in 1967. After much determination and generosity, the vision of the community was finally realized, and in 1985 the Bob Hope Village was opened.

Due to its huge success, the Bob Hope Village has built upon its original vision of providing housing to widowers, retired military couples, parents of active duty members and spouses of enlisted members who have died or are killed on active duty. In addition to providing housing, the Village supports all surviving spouses of enlisted Air Force members financially—regardless of their financial status. Due to the benevolent work on the part of the founders and contributors of the Bob Hope Village, many lives have been impacted. In addition to the Bob Hope Village being a place that provides a home and financial security for those in need; it is also a place where individuals can find emotional comfort in sharing memories of military life.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to represent a community of devoted citizens who have sacrificed so much for our Nation and her ideals. Through the efforts of the Bob Hope Village, spouses of enlisted Air Force members can find support and care when they need it the most. It is with much pleasure that I congratulate the Bob Hope Village on its 25th anniversary. Continue the good work and I wish the community many more years of success.

REMEMBRANCE OF NAVY PETTY
OFFICER ZARIAN WOOD

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Navy PO Zarian Wood, who died May 16 while serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, according to the Department of Defense.

Petty Officer Wood of Houston was a 1999 graduate of South Houston High School who had served as a youth minister and tutor before enlisting in the Navy. Known to friends and family as a giving young man, he followed his father's footsteps in service to his country.

Petty Officer Wood was deployed to Iraq as a hospital corpsman from 2007–2008 and upon returning home he volunteered for a second combat tour in Afghanistan. He was assigned to India Company, as a hospital corpsman in the Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

On May 14, 3½ weeks into deployment, Petty Officer Wood sustained wounds when an improvised explosive device detonated during foot patrol in the Helmand Province.

I know his father, family and friends are devastated by this loss, but they should be proud of the great man Zarian Wood had become and that he died a hero while serving his country.

His loss will be felt by all of Houston, our state, and our nation, and I ask that you remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to submit for the record this article on Officer Wood that appeared in the Houston Chronicle on May 18.

[From the Houston Chronicle, May 18, 2010]

SAILOR SERVED AS "DOC," VOLUNTEERED FOR COMBAT

(By Lindsay Wise)

Volunteer: Petty Officer Zarian Wood died Sunday of wounds suffered in Afghanistan.

Before he deployed to Afghanistan last month, Zarian Wood visited his father and brother for a week at their home in south Houston. The three men played video games, dined on steak and shrimp and lounged on camping chairs in the driveway. It was like a mini family reunion, recalled his father, Daniel Wood.

"Just before he left, he told me, 'Dad, take care of yourself and everything, and I'll be back,'" he said.

The 29-year-old Navy petty officer third class from Houston died Sunday of wounds inflicted by a bomb blast during a foot patrol in Helmand Province. He had only been in Afghanistan about 3½ weeks.

"He was a good honest Christian man," said his father, a 63-year-old Vietnam veteran. "He thought he went over there to help children and help the country better itself, and wham."

The father took a shaking breath, still stunned by the news.

"Ah well, he's with the good Lord, you know," he said.

Nicknamed "Z," Zarian graduated in 1999 from South Houston High School, where he'd competed on the wrestling team.

YOUTH PASTOR, TUTOR

He worked as a youth pastor and tutor for troubled kids on Houston's northeast side

and a merchandiser for Coca-Cola before enlisting in 2006. His decision to undergo rigorous training to become a hospital corpsman was very much in character for him, his relatives say.

"He was a very giving young man and my mother taught all of us that when you have nothing to give you have yourself to give," said his sister, Teresa Robertson.

Zarian deployed to Iraq from 2007–2008. His relatives said he volunteered for his second combat tour, this time a seven-month stint in Afghanistan, where he served as "Doc" on the front lines alongside Marine infantrymen from Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was assigned to India Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

"He was taking care of other folks," his father said. "He was doing what he wanted to do, and he was doing it for his beliefs. He didn't want younger men to have to see and do what he'd seen and done over there."

Zarian was the third Texan and third member of this Marine battalion to be killed in Afghanistan recently. Cpl. Jeffrey Johnson, 21, of Tomball was also killed May 11 by an improvised explosive device while on a foot patrol. Sgt. Kenneth B. May Jr., 26, of Kilgore, also died in that attack. Johnson and May served in Weapons Company.

The close-knit Wood family gathered on Tuesday to make funeral arrangements and remember the fallen corpsman.

"He had a good heart, very outgoing, worked out at the gym every day," said his older brother, Zachary Wood. "He cared about his looks."

"He was very meticulous about that," his father said with a laugh. "He was a handsome man."

WANTED TO BE A DENTIST

He was an honest man, too, even to the point of being blunt, his brother said.

"Yeah, he'd tell you in a flat minute if you were wrong," his father said. "Then again, he'd stand up for you in a flat minute if you were right."

He said his son dreamed of going back to school someday.

"He wanted to study radiology and then after he got that degree, he was going to try to become a dentist," he said.

"He was all about living life, living life to the fullest," his brother said.

Zarian was preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Sue Wood. He is survived by his father, Daniel Wood, and siblings Zachary Wood, Krista Hamilton, Teresa Robertson, Victor Robertson and Micah Dixon. Funeral arrangements are pending.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF
BRIG. GEN. HARRY "HEINIE"
ADERHOLT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Brigadier General Harry C. Aderholt. General Aderholt's life of dedicated service to this country throughout times of conflict and times of peace is truly remarkable. It is a great privilege to recognize him on this day.

General Aderholt was the epitome of a military officer, and he will always be remembered for the type of man he was—a natural leader, always ready to go above and beyond the call of duty. Growing up in Birmingham, Alabama

as one of seven children, there is no doubt that his strong character began to take root during his childhood, fully blossoming into the virtues of integrity, discipline and diligence.

General Aderholt's illustrious career as an Air Force officer is filled with numerous leadership and command positions throughout the world. From serving as a young pilot during World War II to being assigned Commander of the United States Military Assistance Command, Thailand, General Aderholt was a patriot that bravely served this country for over 30 years. Through his distinguished and decorated career, General Aderholt earned many awards including the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguish Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, and the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

On behalf of the United States Congress, Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life and deeds of Brigadier General Harry C. Aderholt. A true patriot, a committed community leader and loving family man—he will be missed by many, but his memory will remain. My wife Vicki and I extended our prayers and thoughts to the entire Aderholt family.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF DAVID ROHR
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND
RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Assistant Chief of Operations David Rohr, who is retiring from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and will take over as Fire Chief for The City of Fairfax Fire Department.

Native to Vienna, Va., Chief Rohr developed an interest in fire fighting at an early age. He became involved with his local volunteer fire department at the age of 16. It did not take long for Chief Rohr to realize this was to become his life's pursuit. Upon graduating from high school, he began working for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Annandale Station. After four years, Chief Rohr was promoted to driver and later Sergeant. Over the next 18 years he continued to move up the ranks to the position of Assistant Chief of Operations.

Chief Rohr is an accomplished firefighter and leader in one of the finest and most respected fire departments in the country. Besides its superb service in Fairfax, the department has a world-class urban search and rescue team that has provided critical assistance during the aftermaths of major catastrophes such as Hurricane Katrina, the Indonesian tsunami, and earthquakes. The team most recently spent several weeks in Haiti searching for victims of that devastating quake.

Chief Rohr's skills as a firefighter are grounded in rigorous education as well as a lifetime of experience. Chief Rohr earned a Bachelor of Science degree in technology and management/fire science from the University of Maryland. He is a graduate from the National Fire Academy's executive fire officer program and has also completed the University of Virginia Darien Business School Senior Executive Institute and Leadership Development Institute.

Although Chief Rohr is leaving the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, he will continue to serve residents in the 11th Congressional District as the new fire chief for Fairfax City. His reputation as an effective leader made him the ideal candidate for the position and he was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Fairfax City Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking David Rohr for his years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County and to congratulate him on his new position as Fire Chief for the City of Fairfax. He, along with first responders in every community, are deserving of our deepest respect and gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOR
PROFIT COMMUNICATOR OF THE
YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Jessica Morris upon receiving the For Profit Communicator of the Year Award from the Pensacola chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. The people of Northwest Florida and International Paper have greatly benefited from Jessica's dedication to her work.

Ms. Morris is highly deserving of the For Profit Communicator of the Year award for her ability to balance the unique needs of her job as Communications Manager to International Paper, located in Pensacola, Florida. Not only does Ms. Morris effectively fulfill her responsibilities of communicating with the mill's 530 employees, she routinely connects employees through a weekly employee newsletter of her own creation. Moreover, she goes the extra mile to reach the public. Ms. Morris has spent a great deal of time ensuring that the environmental concerns and contributions of International Paper are known throughout North-west Florida.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize Ms. Jessica Morris as the Florida Public Relations For Profit Communicator of the Year. Her steadfast work ethic and creative ideas have benefitted many in my district. My wife Vicki and I wish Ms. Morris and her loved ones all the best for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PHILADELPHIA
PRIME MOVERS PROGRAM AND
ACEL MOORE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Philadelphia Tribune, the oldest, continuously published African American owned newspaper in the nation. For 125 years the Tribune has chronicled the African American story while also being an important part of that story.

The Tribune was founded in 1884 by Christopher Perry only 19 years after the end of the U.S. Civil War. Perry, born in Baltimore, Mary-

land, in 1856, moved to Philadelphia at the age of 17, intent on starting a newspaper. He said, "For my people to make progress, they must have a newspaper through which they can speak against injustice."

Perry published the first edition of the Tribune Weekly when he was 28. To put the debut of the one-page and one-man operation newspaper in an historical context, that same year African American inventor Lewis Latimer began working for Thomas Edison, Tuskegee Institute was founded by Booker T. Washington and Harriet Tubman was still alive. After Perry died in 1921, the leadership of the newspaper passed to his son-in-law, E. Washington Rhodes.

From 1922 to 1970, Rhodes was at the helm of the newspaper as publisher. An attorney, Rhodes was also an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District, appointed by President Calvin Coolidge. He was the first Black to be appointed to that position. Additionally, he served as president of the National Bar Association; was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1938; and, was president of the National Publishers Association (NNPA), a national trade organization of African American owned newspapers.

Over the past decades, committed to the newspaper's mission as stated by Perry, the Tribune has been led by Eustace Gay, John Saunders, Alfred Morris and Waverly Easley. And today, under the leadership of Chairman Walter Livingston, Jr., and President/CEO Robert Bogle, the Tribune newspaper continues to expand and has been the recipient of numerous national awards including the NNPA's John B. Russwurm Award for "Best Newspaper in America Award and the A. Philip Randolph "Messenger Award."

President Bogle stresses that after 125 years the mission of the Philadelphia Tribune has not changed very much. "For 125 years the Tribune has been the voice of those who would have been voiceless." And, for that reason today Madam Speaker, I salute the proud history, advocacy and courage of the Philadelphia Tribune. The Tribune is an historic trailblazer whose light continues to lead on the path to justice and equality for the voiceless.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NON
PROFIT COMMUNICATOR OF THE
YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Jeff Nall upon receiving the Non Profit Communicator of the Year Award from the Pensacola chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Mr. Jeff Nall frequently goes above and beyond his responsibilities as the Vice President of Communications and Marketing for the Council on Aging of West Florida. To achieve the Council's mission of educating the community to the unique needs of seniors, Mr. Nall utilizes an assortment of media tactics. His innovative techniques include a weekly television show geared toward seniors and monthly email newsletters. Due to his proactive approaches to reaching the public, many senior residents have benefitted.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize Mr. Jeff Nall as the Florida Public Relations Non Profit Communicator of the Year. I am grateful for the positive work he does to improve the lives of seniors in my district. My wife Vicki and I wish Mr. Nall and his family all the best for the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
CAMPOREE FOR THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BOY SCOUTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and to extend my congratulations on the occasion of the 100-year anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This month also marks the Centennial Camporee for the National Capital Area Council, "Scouting in Action, A Century of Values." Thousands of attendees will participate in the 2010 Camporee which will be held in Goshen, Virginia.

The Boy Scouts were founded in the United States on February 8, 1910, by William D. Boyce when he incorporated the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America instills in young Americans the values and traits of being a good citizen. After 100 years of scouting, these founding principles have guided over 100 million Boy Scouts to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

The National Capital Area Council has a distinguished history within the Boy Scouts. Its predecessor, the District of Columbia Council was the first area Council for the Boy Scouts of America. In 1913, the DC Council was recognized by President Woodrow Wilson for its service during his Presidential inauguration, which began a tradition of Boy Scout involvement in presidential inaugurations. With the addition of Arlington, the District of Columbia Council was reorganized and renamed the National Capital Area Council.

The link between citizenship and scouting, combined with strong leadership and proximity to the Federal Government, has enabled the National Capital Area Council to be a leader within the Boy Scouts of America organization. This Council is now one of the largest in the country and is comprised of troops from 10 counties in Northern Virginia, six counties in Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

The influence and importance of scouting cannot be overstated. Scouting instills and reinforces strong character traits such as commitment to the community, value of working to achieve a goal, discipline and honesty. Scouting alumni include world leaders in virtually every field: Politics, medicine, entertainment, sports, and science.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of their 100th anniversary as well as in extending our best wishes for a successful and fun filled Camporee. I

also would like express my deep appreciation to the troop leaders and parents for their commitment to teaching our youth the skills and values that will serve them well throughout their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CRISIS
COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Sonya Daniel upon receiving the Crisis Communicator of the Year Award from the Pensacola chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

In her role as the Public Information Officer for Escambia County, Ms. Sonya Daniel is responsible for disseminating vital information to the public during times of crisis. During tropical storms and hurricanes Ms. Daniel has remained calm and levelheaded. Amidst panic, she effectively relayed important information to residents of Escambia County on how to prepare and respond to crises. She was recognized by the Florida Public Relations Association for her streamline approach to communicating with the media. Ms. Daniel is known for utilizing all the resources of local media to reach concerned citizens as quickly as possible.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize Mr. Sonya Daniel as the Florida Public Relations Crisis Communicator of the Year. I am grateful for the work she does to inform the residents of my district of critical information. My wife Vicki and I wish Ms. Daniel and her family all the best for the future.

IN MEMORY OF BYRON ATHAN

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, today Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI and I ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Byron Athan, who passed away at age 91 on November 25, 2009.

Byron Athan was passionate about public service. He dedicated his life to serving his country and community for over 68 years and Byron started his unique and distinguished career by joining the U.S. Army. He later became a fixture in the San Ramon Valley, authoring the City of San Ramon's Charter and later serving in city government in multiple capacities including as Mayor and City Attorney.

Byron Athan joined the Army in 1941 and retired in 1964 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served during WWII in the Pacific Theater. Other assignments included tours in post war Germany and Japan, as well as assignments in Fort Lee and Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the Pentagon as a member of the Army Staff.

Byron Athan was vital to the incorporation of the City of San Ramon in 1983. He wrote the City Charter and served as San Ramon City

Attorney from 1983 until his election to the City Council in 1995. He was San Ramon Mayor from 1998 to 1999. He returned to the City Attorney post from 2004 until he retired in October of 2009 at age 91 as one of the most experienced practicing attorneys in California.

Byron lived life with a passion for exploration and adventure. Byron finished the marathon in Greece based on the original completed by the ancient Greek Pheidippides, as well as races in San Francisco and Hawaii. His spirit did not diminish with time. He celebrated his 90th birthday with a 100-mile bike ride.

Byron's years of service to his community touched the lives of many and improved the quality of life in San Ramon. He led by example and in the words of former San Ramon Mayor Diane Schinnerer, "he is known and respected for his honesty, integrity, work ethic, and knowledge of the law." Athan Downs Park in San Ramon, is dedicated in Mr. Athan's honor because of his successful advocacy for parkland in the city.

Byron Athan's dedication to public service leaves a legacy that will continue to benefit the people of San Ramon, the state of California and our great nation for generations to come. It is for these reasons that Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI and I ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the memory of Byron Athan and in sending our thoughts and prayers to his beloved family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF LANI
FURBANK AND KEVIN HARGROVE
TO ORGANIZE "A HAND UP, NOT
A HAND OUT" BENEFIT CONCERT
FOR AFRICA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out" Benefit Concert for Africa. This Benefit Concert will raise money for sustainable investments in Africa through the Development in Gardening charity organization.

Development in Gardening seeks to improve the health and well being for HIV-positive and other at-risk individuals in developing nations. This is accomplished by teaching the skills and providing the infrastructure to create sustainable community gardens, thereby empowering people to improve both their nutrition and earning potential. The program reaches out to orphanages, hospitals and outpatient facilities to install micro gardens that provide not only a steady source of healthy, fresh vegetables but a sense of community and purpose. It focuses on improved nutrition, food security, micro-enterprise development, home garden extension, personal empowerment, and social change.

This benefit concert is anticipated to raise \$5,000 to fund the program's ongoing efforts. I would like to commend Lani Furbank and Kevin Hargrove for their commitment to helping those in need. Lani and Kevin have organized this event, which will result in the betterment of countless lives in Africa. Residents of Northern Virginia have a strong record of community involvement and charitable giving. I am honored to represent a district that is always

willing to help those in need, both at home and around the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Development in Gardening and, particularly, the efforts of Lani Furbank and Kevin Hargrove. By supporting sustainable micro-economic development projects, we invest in the continued well being of others. We provide the tools and education for people to be self-sufficient and live in dignity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF DAVID "DAVE" O. MILLER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in recognition of the service of David O. Miller from the Protocol Office of the Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Mr. Miller retires today after 49 years total federal service, 28 years in the United States Air Force and 21 years of Civilian Service. I am proud to recognize his vast contributions to national security through his humble service to this great Nation in the United States Air Force, both as a member of active duty as well as a civil servant.

Mr. Miller is a native of Loris, South Carolina. He graduated from Loris High School in June 1962, and began his military career with the United States Air Force in September, 1962. He later attended the University of Tampa and the El Paso and Pike's Peak community colleges. In his military career, he first served as an Administrative Apprentice and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in February 1991.

The United States Air Force has been in existence more than six decades and Mr. Miller has been serving her for almost five decades beginning in 1962. He began his protocol career in 1976 when General Chappie James directed the establishment of the first protocol office at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Mr. Miller was one of three people chosen to establish the organization. His outstanding performance in the protocol field eventually led to General Gregory Martin, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, honoring him for superior performance in his duties by awarding him the Commander's Recognition Award in 2004. Mr. Miller was the second person to receive this award.

After retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant following 28 years of active duty service in the United States Air Force, Mr. Miller began his civilian federal service career in 1991 as a protocol assistant with the Protocol Office of the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base. Throughout his career, Mr. Miller demonstrated superior performance as a compassionate leader driven by a tremendous sense of purpose. He pursued excellence each day at the Air Armament Center, contributing immensely to its mission success. He consulted on protocol matters to ten Eglin center commanders, all of whom were charged with leading the world's largest Air Force Base. With Eglin being one of the most visited military facilities in the Department of Defense, Mr. Miller tirelessly contributed to a team of round-

the-clock-protocol support, decade after decade. From meeting aircraft with dignitaries on the flight line in the early hours to planning and directing social functions at the general's residence into the late evening, Mr. Miller upheld the rules of decorum for tasks small and large with professionalism and enthusiasm.

The most notable example of Mr. Miller's exceptional commitment to seeing to the needs of Eglin airmen, civilians and family members at large was during a memorial service attended by more than five thousand people. This was held on base to reflect upon the twelve fallen Airmen from the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base who were killed in the Dhahran Air Base bombing of the Kohbar Towers in Saudi Arabia in June, 1996. The memorial, organized by Mr. Miller and held a few days after the bombing, was recognized as "an absolutely flawless ceremony and an outstanding tribute to our fallen warriors," by the Air Force Development Test Center Commander. Mr. Miller was awarded the Exemplary Civilian Service Award for his work.

He is married to the former Carmen Sue Brown of Dublin, Georgia, and they have one son, Michael, who resides in Denver, Colorado.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. David O. Miller for his excellent leadership and service to the United States Air Force both as a military member and civil servant. His dedication to our Nation is most deserving of this recognition. From all the constituents of Florida's First Congressional District, I would like to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR FLAG ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, it is no coincidence that the greatest country in the history of civilization also happens to have the world's finest military. The strength and caliber of our military results from a variety of factors, not the least of which is the way in which our government provides for the veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much. Indeed, my love and passion for supporting America's veterans is second-to-none.

Wednesday, May 19, the House passed H.R. 2546, the Blue Star/Gold Star Flag Act of 2009 by voice vote. This legislation would impose a federal prohibition against a homeowners' association policy preventing residents from displaying a Service flag on or around their homes. This proposal is a response to an incident in which a homeowners' association prevented an Ohio woman from displaying a Service flag honoring her son who served in Operation Desert Storm and again in 2003 in Iraq. Although the homeowners' association ultimately made an exception in this circumstance, such policies are offensive to many Americans, such as myself, who hold such great affection for our country's cherished service members and veterans.

In this respect, I can certainly appreciate the support for legislation such as H.R. 2546. However, I take exception with this matter coming before Congress, since this body has no Constitutional authority to impose such a mandate on the private sector. Indeed, matters such as this are best left to the discretion of local governments or civic associations.

Allowing Congress to possess this type of authority could ultimately lead to more controversial proposals. Certainly there would be great objections raised if Congress sought to prohibit homeowners' association policies preventing the display of the Confederate flag or nativity scenes. On the other hand, one must wonder whether Congress could one day prohibit speech of the minority which our Founding Fathers so vehemently sought to protect.

Our Constitution established a set of enumerated powers to prevent Congress from seizing illegitimate powers. Despite the best of intentions, the rule of law rightly supersedes congressional desires to respond to the passions of the moment. Doing otherwise would set a precedent, opening the flood gates to future policies considerably more problematic than the one before us today.

The framers of the Constitution envisioned a nation composed of states empowered to govern according to the will of the people, with a Federal Government tasked with limited responsibilities and powers. As the 10th amendment states so clearly, "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Each time the Federal Government, even with the finest motivations, intrudes into the jurisdiction of the States and the people of America, the Constitution is further undermined and the erosion of liberty continues apace.

Good intentions were never meant to stand in for constitutional governance. Congress must rein in its tendency to legislate solutions to even the smallest of "problems" that would be better left to local problem-solvers in either local government or private citizen associations. With each passing usurpation of the rights of State and local governments and with each imposition of a federal one-size-fits-all "solution," Congress dilutes the strength of federalism and pushes our nation closer to dependency upon a power-hungry central government.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

JUNE 8

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of American children.

SD-430

JUNE 9

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2891, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, S. 2779 and H.R. 3671, bills to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, S. 3387, to provide for the release of water from the marketable yield pool of water stored in the Ruedi Reservoir for the benefit of endangered fish habitat in the Colorado River, and for other purpose, S. 3404, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California.

SD-366

JUNE 10

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on states, localities and the private sector.

SD-342

JUNE 16

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working.

SR-418

JUNE 17

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and the implications for national security programs.

SD-106